

Post's Yosef Goell reports from Cairo:

Egypt approved move into Lebanon

An Egyptian delegation that was in Israel less than a month before the Israel Defence Forces went into Lebanon in June 1982 to talk to Labour Party leaders in effect agreed to a short surgical operation against the PLO along the lines of the 1978 Litani Campaign.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, who was a member of that delegation together with Mustapha Khalil and others, told *The Jerusalem Post* this week that the Labour Party leaders had promised them that Labour would not support an Israeli strike into Lebanon: he is disappointed to the aggression against Israel.

"We were given to understand that Labour would oppose anything beyond what the 1978 Litani Operation had been — going in, doing what had to be done, leaving Lebanese soil quickly and completely."

"We hoped it would be limited to 30-40 kilometres. Instead, we felt ourselves deceived by Labour's support for the major operation that developed."

Ghali said the Egyptian delegation had met with Labour leaders Shimon Peres, Abba Eban and Haim Bar-Lev for five days in May 1982. The purpose of the meeting, according to Ghali, was to present the Egyptian plan for a second stage in the peace process following the total Israel withdrawal from Sinai on April 25, 1982.

Since then the Egyptians have cooled the normalization process that in Israeli eyes was to have been the heart of the peace with Egypt. Asked whether, in light of the tacit Egyptian agreement to a surgical Israeli strike against the PLO in Lebanon, Egypt would today agree to a thawing of the normalization freeze if Israel withdrew its main forces from Lebanon but continued to maintain a small force for periodic interdictory strikes, Ghali replied "No."

He declared: "Egypt could not agree to the compromising of Arab sovereignty on Arab land. Too many of us are fearful that the Israeli government's true intention is to turn Southern Lebanon into a new West Bank."

Ghali also said that an additional Egyptian condition for the renewal of the normalization process was the renewal of talks with the Palestinians on a comprehensive solution.

The Egyptian diplomat said a realistic assessment was that Israel would not get out of Lebanon before a new election. "And even in the event of the establishment of a Labour government, we are not at all certain that Israel would withdraw even then," he said.

Lebanese reconciliation talks

Christians won't discuss constitutional reforms

BEIRUT (AP). — The leader of Lebanon's largest Christian party said yesterday he is not willing to discuss at next week's reconciliation conference the very reform issues that opposition leaders are planning to raise.

Pierre Gemayel, leader of the Phalange Party and father of President Amin Gemayel, made the statement in a dispatch published by the party's Lebanese News Agency. The agency also said that Pierre Gemayel and former president Camille Chamoun took a common stand on the issue.

The agency quoted Gemayel and Chamoun, who will represent Lebanon's Christians at the conference scheduled Monday in Lausanne, Switzerland, as saying they would not discuss constitutional reforms until Lebanon is "liberated," apparently meaning when Syrian and Israeli forces withdraw.

"Under no circumstances are we going to accept discussions over this issue under political and military pressure," Gemayel was quoted as saying.

The agency reported that Chamoun said: "In principle, we do not

accept any changes in the constitution, especially in what concerns the prerogatives of the president. This does not mean that the constitution should not be reviewed, but we are against the changes proposed."

Chamoun also was quoted as saying: "We also do not accept the establishment of another house other than the parliament."

Opposition leaders were meeting again in Damascus yesterday on exactly what they will demand at Lausanne, but it's been widely reported here that their demands will include cutting the president's term from six to three years and creating a senate that would elect presidents in joint session with the current 99-seat parliament.

Rafik Hariri, Saudi Arabia's chief mediator in the Lebanese crisis, arrived in Damascus after talks with government officials in Beirut on ways to narrow the gaps before the opening of reconciliation talks, government-run Beirut Radio said.

In Beirut, Christian and Moslem militiamen traded intermittent rocket, mortar and machine-gun fire across the "green line" splitting Beirut. Blasts echoed through the

Israeli worker killed in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli civilian worker of the Public Works Department (PWD) doing roadwork in Lebanon's eastern sector was killed by terrorists firing from ambush yesterday afternoon.

The dead man was later identified as David Baghdadli, 50, of Herzliya, an earth-moving contractor.

The attackers fired several bursts of automatic fire at a PWD work party near the village of Sahmour, where the latter were paving a road leading to the front lines.

An Israel Defence Forces guard detail that accompanied the workers returned fire, but the attackers escaped in a car. IDF units sealed and searched the area.

This area, which has generally been quiet in the past, recently became the focus of stepped-up terrorist activity. During the past two weeks four Israeli soldiers were wounded there when their armoured personnel carrier ran over and detonated a mine. Other mines have been uncovered in the area recently.

The IDF is investigating two possibilities: that the gang responsible for all or most of the attacks infiltrates from Syrian-controlled territory, and that the attackers are local residents.

Shortly after yesterday's attack, the leaders of the area's villages called at the local IDF headquarters to express their shock and dismay at the attack.

Civilian workers employed by the IDF returned to work in Lebanon only this past week, after they had refused to work there in a protest aimed at receiving full military-scale compensation for possible fatalities.

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Strike disrupts travel in France

PARIS (Reuters). — Six million French state employees responded yesterday to a call for a 24-hour strike, disrupting air, rail, underground and bus transport in the biggest labour protest since the Socialists came to power in May 1981, their unions said.

The unions were protesting against a loss of purchasing power and the government's economic policies.

2 suspects admit removing Anghelovici body from grave

RISHON LEZION. — An employee of the Rishon Lezion burial society and a Bnei Brak man, both ultra-Orthodox haredim, confessed in the local magistrates court yesterday to having removed the body of Tereza Anghelovici from her grave in the town's Jewish cemetery and dumping it in the Ramle Moslem cemetery.

But controversy over the deceased woman's final resting place continues, with the country's two chief rabbis and the Chief Rabbinate Council implying in a statement that the body should again be removed and reinterred in a non-Jewish cemetery.

Anghelovici's body was taken from her grave last week following objections by Orthodox circles to her burial there, because she had been born a non-Jew and never undergone a Halachic conversion.

Bus-bombing probe continues

ASHDOD (Itim). — A special team of Lachish sub-district police investigators is continuing its probe into Wednesday's bus bombing here, in which three persons were killed and eight wounded.

The commander of the sub-district yesterday refused to comment on remarks made in a Kol Yisrael radio interview by Southern Police District commander Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, who said the police were checking the possibility that the bombing was not



Dogs sniff for arms and ammunition in the Mei Neftoah area yesterday after police uncovered a large cache nearby on Wednesday. (Scoop 80)

Police expect 'munitions expert' to turn self in

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police sources said last night they believe a fourth suspect in the sabotage attempt of al-Aksa mosque on the Temple Mount will soon turn himself in.

The man is described as the "munitions expert" behind the four-man group, which police are calling an organization of "rational fanatics."

According to the sources, the four carefully planned the attack on the Temple Mount, have confessed to a grenade attack on the mosque at Nebi Samwil, and are being questioned about more than a dozen other grenade attacks on non-Jewish institutions in and around Jerusalem.

Four days after their arrest, the police were confident they had "broken the back" of the Terror Against Terror (TNT) case. However, they are still seeking confessions or corroborative evidence to link the suspects to other attacks in which three people were wounded during the last 100 days. TNT surfaced soon after the attack on an Egged bus in Jerusalem, in which six persons were killed and more than a dozen wounded.

Southern District Police Commander Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi said yesterday "it may be possible" that the arrests have uncovered the so-called TNT organization.

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U.S. police asked to provide information on Kach suspects

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel police are seeking the help of the New York and Los Angeles police for information about the four young men suspected of Sunday's shooting attack on an Arab bus near Ramallah, in which seven passengers were wounded.

The four in custody, all aged between 19 and 20, are affiliated to the Kach movement.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that so far they are not cooperating

with their interrogators.

The police have asked their colleagues in New York and Los Angeles whether, as members of the Jewish Defence League in the U.S., any of the four had been involved in particularly violent incidents, as they are suspected of being involved in here. Two are from New York and two are from Los Angeles.

They are being questioned not only about the Ramallah shooting but also about the shooting attack

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Gov't hospitals brace up for 'long' weekend

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Strike-crippled government hospitals throughout the country are bracing up for what one senior nurse predicted would be "the longest week-end." The hospitals have been running on a reduced "Shabbat format" since Wednesday morning, when nursing, administrative, housekeeping, kitchen and laundry personnel began an open-ended strike.

Essential personnel appeared for work yesterday in response to the Health Ministry's issue of 4,000 back-to-work orders, most of which were finally delivered by yesterday evening. But about 8,000 workers were absent.

Laundry piled up in the hospitals' basements, food was scarce and served, for the most part, cold. Sterile equipment was in short supply due to the lack of technicians in the sterilizing rooms. For the second day yesterday, bed-ridden patients were not bathed.

All out-patient clinics remained closed, but emergency wards were open and sufficiently staffed. Nurses reported that "while no patient was in danger because of the strike, it certainly adds to their suffering."

In Ashkelon, the government-employed nurses voted to continue working and not to join the strike, but even there work was severely hampered by lack of kitchen, housekeeping, laundry and administrative personnel.

The Histadrut yesterday condemned the Health Ministry's action in issuing the back-to-work orders. Reuven Ben-Ami, secretary-general of the Civil Servants Union, said yesterday that the ministry's "peremptory use" of the back-to-work orders may prove to be a boomerang and that workers may decide not to honour them. He said that in principle, he did not recommend such action, but mentioned that in last year's doctors strike such orders were ignored.

While the strike committee decided to stop honouring back-to-work orders as of next Monday morning, Health Ministry officials still offered to pay only one year of the retroactive salary increments due the workers, instead of the two years they demand.

Ronnie Shalem, chairman of the government hospital workers union, said that "there is no basis for arbitration since these are not new demands, but an insistence that agreements reached two years ago be implemented." Nor, he added, will the union accept a proposal that negotiations with nurses and with service and administrative staff be conducted out separately.

David Rudge adds: In Haifa, Rambam Hospital was on a Shabbat format for the second day running yesterday, with only one-third of the regular staff on duty.

The out-patient department remained closed and only urgent

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Key suspect in Jaffa Road explosions still in hospital

The key suspect in the grenade explosions on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem on February 28 was moved out of the intensive-care ward of Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday, although he is still bedridden.

He is expected to be charged when he is discharged from the hospital and can stand trial.

The suspect was one of 21 persons wounded when two of four grenades wrapped in a plastic bag exploded. The police are calling it a "work accident" because

eyewitnesses reported that the man had been carrying the bag and dropped it in panic just before the explosions. He was severely wounded in his back.

For the first time, police last night denied rumours that the man is a Lebanese. They said he has a forged Lebanese passport, but is a Jerusalemite.

Two separate Arab terrorist organizations — the Abu Nidal group and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — claimed responsibility for the act.

Brother becomes defence overlord

Assad names 3 deputies

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Syrian President Hafez Assad has decided to appoint three deputies, diplomatic sources in Damascus were quoted as saying yesterday. One of them is his powerful younger brother Rifaat, who will be vice-president for defence and security.

The other two vice-presidents, according to these sources, will be Abdul-Halim Khaddam, foreign minister in the outgoing cabinet of Prime Minister Abdel-Rauf al-Kasbi, and Zuhair Musharka, assistant regional secretary of the ruling Ba'ath Party in Syria.

The sources said the appointment of the three was decided at a recent meeting of the ruling party's Regional Command, the country's highest policy-making body. It is meant to ease Assad's work load following his incapacitation for almost two months late last year with heart trouble.

The same meeting, it appears, also decided on the resignation of Kasbi's cabinet after over four years in office, to be replaced by a new

one also to be headed by Kasbi. The reason for the reshuffle has been officially ascribed to the routine practice of changing the cabinet every few years.

The latest political changes in Syria come against persistent but somewhat vague reports of unrest in the country. This is believed to reflect a power struggle not so much between Assad himself and any potential rivals, but between his brother Rifaat and those who sought to challenge him for the succession after Assad.

The struggle apparently began to gather strength during Assad's illness last year, when Rifaat and his rivals seemed to be jockeying for position in the event of the Syrian leader's death.

Rifaat's appointment as vice-president for defence and security would indicate that Assad had boosted his brother as his apparent, giving him an undoubted edge over any potential challenger.

Some reports have insisted, however, that Assad may have elevated his brother not so much out of choice, but because Rifaat forced his hand.

Buses in Jerusalem, trucks in Tel Aviv

Citrus farmers plan protests Sunday

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Citrus farmers and other people who earn their livelihoods from the citrus industry will stage a two-part demonstration on Sunday to protest against the government's failure to compensate them for their recent losses on exports.

In addition to the farmers, the demonstrators will include citrus pickers, packing-house workers, port workers and truckers.

An estimated 3,000 people are expected to travel in 50 to 60 buses to

Jerusalem to demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Office, the Agriculture Ministry and the Finance Ministry. The organizers refused to specify the time of the protest or the route of the buses.

About 50 to 60 citrus-loaded trucks will pass through Tel Aviv, bedecked with large signs explaining the demonstration. Again the route of the trucks or the time they will travel was not disclosed.

A National Police spokesman reported that the truck drivers had been granted a permit to demonstrate in Tel Aviv. "But they

have been firmly warned that they are not permitted to cause any traffic jams or clog main arteries of transportation," he added.

The spokesman added, however, that the police will have extra forces on duty to keep the roads clear. It was pointed out that Tel Aviv is incapable of having 50 to 60 trucks pass through the city, one after the other, at the same time.

A representative of the truckers denied reports that a representative of French truckers had visited Israel with a video tape showing how

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Yesterday's	Humidity	Max	Min	Today's
Jerusalem	68	15	10	18
Golan	68	15	10	17
Nahariya	68	15	10	19
Safad	68	15	10	15
Haifa Port	68	15	10	16
Tiberias	68	15	10	22
Nazareth	68	15	10	18
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Tel Aviv	68	15	10	21
B-G Airport	68	15	10	23
Jericho	68	15	10	24
Gaza	68	15	10	30
Beersheba	68	15	10	23
Elitzur	68	15	10	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche yesterday gave a farewell luncheon for outgoing Burmese charge d'affaires U Thein Han, who is ending a three-and-a-half-year term of duty. He returns to Rangoon to become deputy director-general of the Burmese foreign ministry.

Netanel Lorch, president of the Institute for Cultural Relations Israel, Iberia-America, Spain and Portugal, yesterday gave a reception in Tel Aviv for Moshe Tov, former ambassador to Latin American countries, on the occasion of the publication of *Tov's memoirs*. Former foreign minister Abba Eban was the main speaker. A telegram of congratulations was received from Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Nearly all the accredited Latin American ambassadors to Israel were among those present.

Mekorot general manager Ze'ev Ashkenazi will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 674583.

Police seek suspect in Bankomat fraud

HAIFA (Itim). — The Haifa Magistrates Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Nehemiah Eliahu, 21, of Kfar Yehoshua, who is suspected of fraudulently withdrawing money from automatic bank tellers. Eliahu is also suspected of desertion from the army. The police allege that he stole a Bankomat card from a soldier at Beit Hahavel, the soldier's recreation club, in Haifa, and then used it to withdraw 1532,000.

HOME NEWS

Two Sabbath rallies in Petah Tikva

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Demonstrations for and against the opening of commercial entertainment places in this town on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days will begin tonight and continue until Sunday evening. Mayor Dov Tavori, who decided to "open" the town on the Jewish holy days, has been notified by Assistant Attorney-General Yoram Bar-Sela that as the law stands, the opening of cinemas on the Jewish Sabbath is prohibited.

In a letter to Tavori, Bar-Sela stated that the by-law allowing opening of businesses on the Sabbath, approved by the Petah Tikva City Council, has not been approved by the interior minister. A previous by-law regulating the operation of businesses and forbidding their operation on the Sabbath is still valid, he said.

Referring to the municipality's encouragement of the opening of the Hechal Cinema on Friday nights, Bar-Sela noted that the mayor and municipality should adhere to the law and set an example in keeping the law. "As long as the amendment to the by-law is not in effect, I expect the municipality to keep its own laws."

Labour chairman promises paper on party-Histadrut relations

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By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's political bureau yesterday unanimously agreed to party chairman Shimon Peres' statement promising an early proposal on how to solve outstanding problems in party-Histadrut relations. But Peres made sure he first spoke to all sides in the dispute over the suicide of Bank Hapoalim chief Ya'acov Levinson and get their agreement to his proposal. A debate might have been acrimonious.

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Violating the law by violent behaviour on the part of those opposed to opening the cinema must not serve as justification for continuing to operate the cinema in violation of the existing by-law," Bar-Sela wrote. The left-wing Mapam youth organization is staging a rock concert, with the Benzine rock group and singers Yehudit Ravitz and Danny Litani, as part of their demonstration outside City Hall this evening in support of Tavori's decision.

Orthodox elements have received a permit to demonstrate in the same place tomorrow morning against opening entertainment centres and food establishments on Shabbat. They plan a mass prayer service.

The National Religious Bnei Akiva youth movement intends to demonstrate tomorrow night and Sunday night.

Central Police District Commander Nitza Gavriel Amir rejected a request by another Orthodox group to demonstrate outside City Hall tonight, explaining that the police had already approved the Mapam youth demonstration and it was impossible to approve two different demonstrations at the same time and place.

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Shorter sentence for shooting at car

The Supreme Court yesterday reduced from 39 to 30 months the sentence of a Jewish resident of Judea who was convicted of shooting at a car near Hebron last year. He is Yisrael Fuchs, 21, a member of the Kach movement and resident of El-Nakam near Herodion.

At the same time, the court rejected an appeal against the conviction of Fuchs, whose lawyer, Aharon Papo, argued that in the course of plea-bargaining between defence and prosecution during the district court trial, his client had confessed to facts that were not true.

Justice Dov Levin, with Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar and Justice Moshe Baisky concurring, ruled that Fuchs had been fully aware of the meaning of his words when he admitted to the facts of the case: that he shot at the car, driven by a resident of Yatta village, after it had passed him.

Fuchs alleged that the driver had tried to run him down, and that he had shot to prevent him from getting away. But even if this were true, Levin said, noting that the lower court had found it to be false, it still is a grave offence to shoot at a dangerous driver.

Citizens and residents of Israel, he said, must not take the law into their own hands, neither in Israel proper nor in the administered territories.

The court agreed to shorten Fuchs's total sentence, however, by making all of the 18-month term he was given for illegal possession of a weapon run concurrently with the 30 months he received for the more serious charge of using the gun. The district court had ordered only half of the lesser sentence to be concurrent with the longer one. (Itim)

U.S. court lifts ban on Jewish doctors

HOUSTON (AP). — A federal judge has ordered Baylor College of Medicine to drop its rule barring Jewish doctors from heart-surgery teams travelling to Saudi Arabia and awarded two physicians more than \$400,000 in damages. U.S. District Judge James Deanda ruled that Baylor's "discrimination against Jews was intentional and there was indifference and insensitivity" in their exclusion from the programme with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Drs. Lawrence Abrams and Stuart Linde never applied for the programme, claiming they knew they would be rejected. Deanda awarded Abrams, now chief anesthesiologist with the State University of New York, \$156,840 in actual damages. He awarded Linde, who is still an anesthesiologist at Baylor, \$48,982. Deanda said in his ruling that the two lost monetary benefits and opportunities to expand their professional skills.

Deanda found Baylor excluded Jewish doctors from the programme because of various gleaned impressions "to the effect that the Saudis did not want any Jews in their country."

Barcelona beat Maccabi 105-98

TEL AVIV. — Barcelona (Spain) beat Maccabi Tel Aviv 105-98 (half-time 53-48) in the final round of the men's European champion clubs' cup basketball semifinal group match at Yad Eliahu last night.

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cases of Israel Defence Forces personnel were admitted to the emergency ward.

The staff on duty received back-to-work orders, but they threatened to ignore them next week unless their demands are met. Staff at Rothschild Hospital closed the outpatient department for two hours yesterday in protest against the Health Ministry's refusal to allocate \$1.5 million in next year's budget towards completion of the hospital's west wing. The ministry has already invested \$23 million in the building, which was started 11 years ago.

The hospital's emergency ward has been closed since Monday as part of the staff's campaign to force the ministry to rescind its decision.

Snowless Neveh Ativ may have to shut down

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Members of Moshav Neveh Ativ in the Golan Heights fear the settlement may have to disband because of a \$1220 million deficit.

At a stormy meeting between the Neveh Ativ people and Jewish Agency officials in Safad yesterday, the former demanded that the Agency's settlement department allot it more money.

The M. Hermon recreation site operated by the moshav will have to close in five days unless there is a heavy snowfall by then.

Talks with Arafat were successful, says Hussein

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein said in an interview published yesterday that his talks with PLO chief Yasser Arafat were a success and that Jordan did not expect to negotiate alone on behalf of the Palestinian people with Israel.

The interview, conducted on Wednesday night, was the first Hussein had commented publicly on his five days of talks last week with Arafat. The talks came 10 months after an earlier dialogue broke up because Arafat could not muster enough support for Hussein to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians.

In the interview, with three senior Jordanian newspaper editors, the king also said the U.S. has not "stood by its responsibilities" in the Middle East since 1967.

The Jordanian monarch told the editors of the three main dailies in Amman — *Al-Rai*, *Al-Dustour* and *Al-Shaab* — that Jordan and the PLO will go to other Arab countries for their "blessing and support" on the

BUS ATTACK

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the seat of Gavriel Kikuzishvili, 47, who apparently heard the ticking of a timing device and stooped to pick up the basket. The grenade exploded instantly, killing him and the woman sitting in front of him, Sima Shinker, 72.

They, and the third fatality, Farouk Zamen, 52, were buried yesterday in the Ashdod cemetery. Kikuzishvili, who came to the country 12 years ago, is survived by his wife and five children. Zamen is survived by his wife and four children. Shinker is survived by her husband, a daughter and grandchildren.

Ashdod residents were incensed yesterday at the fact that no

representative of the government attended the funerals, and that the government did not even send wreaths.

The police are holding nine suspects and have taken testimony from dozens of witnesses. The witnesses include people who were on the bus, as well as passersby. The police are also checking a lead, based on testimony of the bus driver, that the person who planted the bomb got off the bus at the first stop after the market.

Yesterday, the heaviest shopping day of the week, police and Civil Guard patrols were stepped up throughout the district. An increased public alertness was noted in all shopping areas.

Aguda said ready to abolish 'selective' yeshiva funding

Jerusalem Post Staff

Agudat Yisrael has secretly decided to abolish its system of distributing funds to "selective yeshivot" through the party's Knesset members, according to a report being published today in the religious weekly *Erev Shabbat*.

The newspaper noted that the system has been under fire of late, including elements inside Agudat Yisrael and heads of large institutions who complained that they were being shortchanged. The Habad movement has an application on the subject against the Finance Ministry pending in the High Court of Justice.

The affair has also erupted in an exchange of large newspaper advertisements, with opponents of the system calling for distribution of all state funds to yeshivot according to uniform criteria, to be determined by a panel of rabbis.

As a result, the Aguda MKs decided to review the subject. They reportedly delved into all its aspects and consulted a number of rabbinical authorities. According to *Erev Shabbat*, it was MK Avraham Shapira who this week made the motion to replace the system, and his opinion was accepted by the party's three other MKs.

Shapira had no comment when the paper asked him for a reaction.

Soldier killed in head-on crash

TIBERIAS (Itim). — Three hours of resuscitation efforts by two doctors and four nurses failed to save the life of a 21-year-old soldier who had been injured in a traffic accident near here at noon yesterday.

Two other persons were moderately hurt in the head-on collision on the Amiad-Parod highway. They were taken by passing cars to the hospital.

Treatment of the soldier began at the site of the crash. An ambulance driver summoned a Magen David

Adom mobile intensive-care unit, which arrived from Tiberias.

A military doctor who arrived at the scene recommended the immediate evacuation by helicopter to the Eilat Hospital in Haifa, for treatment of his head wounds. The ambulance began travelling west, but at the Golan junction the doctors changed their minds and had the driver turn around, heading instead for Poriya Hospital in Tiberias.

Efforts to save his life continued there until 5 p.m., but to no avail.

U.S. POLICE

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on the Islamic University of Hebron last summer. In that attack, which came barely a month after the slaying of Hebron yeshiva student Aaron Gross, three persons were killed and more than a dozen wounded.

Police sources yesterday indicated to *The Post* that there were similarities between the attack on the bus and the university slayings. Both attacks were perpetrated in daylight and both were characterized by combat-style field tactics, the use of automatic weapons, and a quick escape from the scene.

In the university attack, the terrorists used Kalashnikovs, which have so far not been found, even though the police and the army conducted ballistics tests on all the registered Kalashnikovs in the West Bank.

In the Ramallah shooting, the terrorists used M-16s, and according to unofficial sources, ballistics tests have already shown that weapons seized when the suspects were captured could link them to the Ramallah shooting.

At least two of the suspects participated in the group suicide threat during the final days of the Yom Kippur withdrawal in April 1982, and have since been occasionally associated with a yeshiva in the Gaza District.

Meanwhile, the High Court of Justice yesterday turned down an application by lawyer Meir Schechter for an order against the police to enable him to meet with the suspects before the end of their first seven days in remand. Schechter is forbidden to meet with his clients until tomorrow night.

The session, chaired by High Court President Justice Meir Shamgar, was held behind closed doors. Schechter was not allowed to be present during part of the session, when the state attorney's office presented information regarding the arrests to the court.

The Israel Civil Rights Association has protested against the law that enables police to prevent an attorney from meeting with his client for the first week of remand. The protest came in a letter to the Justice Ministry.

TNT CASE

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According to the sources, the three suspects in custody are cooperating, and "once we unravel their story," charge sheets will be prepared.

It was emphasized that there is no indication that any foreign group — or any political group whatever — was behind the suspects.

A huge arms cache was uncovered Wednesday in Jerusalem's Meir Neftoah (Lifta) quarter where the suspects lived.

Police sources emphasized that several incidents for which TNT took responsibility — grenade attacks in Azariya, Husan, Bethlehem and Hebron — still remain unsolved.

The group has been described by their neighbours in Meir Neftoah as pleasant, but strange. According to some neighbours, they had lived in one of the abandoned houses in the village at Jerusalem's western approach for the last 10 years.

Their residence, without electricity or water, was a ramshackle stone building decorated inside with a combination of unartistically scrawled graffiti about the coming of the Messiah, posters of Indian actresses, Hongkong karate experts, and yesterday there were *talitot*, (prayer shawls), keffiyas and prayerbooks lying on the stone floor in the building.

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Mr. J.D. Plitnick is sitting Shiva at The Central Hotel, Jerusalem. Shiva terminates Tuesday morning.

700 marines land in Haifa for four-day R&R

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — More than 700 U.S. Marines arrived here yesterday on the helicopter-carrier assault ship USS Guam for four days of rest and recreation after fighting in Beirut and Grenada.

Twelve marines of the 22nd Marines amphibious unit were killed in Grenada, along with a number of men being wounded, the commanding officer, Colonel James Patrick Faulkner, told *The Jerusalem Post*. They were on shore in Beirut from November 18 to February 26.

More than 100 men of the unit are still in Beirut, as part of the nearly 300-strong force of marines guarding the U.S. Embassy and training the Lebanese Army.

Next week the landing ship USS Fort Snelling is due for a visit, and

more Sixth Fleet ships are expected from off Beirut throughout the month.

The 17,000-ton Guam, which has a crew of 700 and carries 23 helicopters, has been at sea continuously for 142 days, since they left Norfolk, Virginia for Grenada on October 18, her commander, Captain John Quartermaster, said.

Asked about their Beirut mission, Faulkner said: "We'd have liked to come away with hostilities resolved and the political situation more evenly tempered. However, we don't feel in any way that the job we were given was not accomplished. We certainly carried out the mission we were assigned. Unfortunately the hostilities are still going on," he said.

His men were "very happy" at

the opportunity to get leave after so long underground or on board ship. He expects that they will shortly be relieved off Beirut by another unit.

Quartermaster and Faulkner, accompanied by the assistant U.S. naval attaché, Commander Ronald Wilcox, visited the City Hall and met Deputy Mayor Erich Loeb at noon.

Earlier, visiting U.S. Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan visited the battleship USS New Jersey, which ends its week's visit this morning. He also paid a special call to the Guam on his way to the big ship.

Wilcox expressed appreciation to the Communications Ministry which installed 20 mobile phones in the port, to enable the sailors and marines to phone home. (The same arrangement was made for the New Jersey).



The Bar Mitzva ceremonies for 20 boys from Bokhara and Iran are held in the Hashalom synagogue in Ramle's Ben-Gurion quarter under the auspices of Agudat Yisrael and the Absorption Ministry. (Studio 23)

Soviet Jewry Solidarity Week

Symbolic 'prisoners' lunch' to be served at King David

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some Knesset members will show their solidarity with Soviet Prisoners of Zion and *refuseniks* next Tuesday by attending a symbolic "prisoners' lunch" at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

The event is part of Soviet Jewry Solidarity Week, which began last Tuesday. Each MK will write a letter to the family of a *refusenik* or prisoner in order to provide them with moral support. The symbolic lunch was organized by the "35's" Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, and the hotel has donated its facilities.

Next Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m., Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer will speak in the Knesset's Chagall Hall on the subject of Russian Jewry. Letters received recently from the Soviet Union will be read, and relatives of a *refusenik* will tell their personal stories. Ninety minutes after the

ceremony begins, the Knesset plenum will discuss the plight of Russian Jews.

In the evening, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will be in the audience at the Jerusalem Theatre for an event supporting the right of Jews to emigrate from Russia.

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman spoke yesterday at a special solidarity session of the Israel Academy of Sciences.

The Zionist Executive has issued a declaration demanding that the Soviet Union honour its commitments to international conventions and the Helsinki accords on human rights, permit free Jewish emigration and stop repressing Hebrew culture.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz met with Jewish leaders yesterday and reported on diplomatic efforts to help Soviet Jews and on his talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko a few weeks ago.

Disabled veteran-horseman to ride again

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rami Keich, an amateur horseman paralyzed from the chest down when he was wounded in Lebanon, was late last night due to receive a specially trained horse from England so that he can ride again.

The horse, named Heather, was being flown in a special container on board an El Al Boeing 747 cargo jet.

After he was wounded, Keich was told by doctors he would never be able to ride again.

The story of his recovery, as told in *The Jerusalem Post* last January 1 is: The wife of a British rabbi, Anita Boyden, herself a keen horsewoman, arranged for the ex-soldier to attend a course at the Finlow Hill Riding

Stables in Cheshire, England, which specializes in teaching disabled children to ride.

Keich gradually regained his riding skill, even learning to trot. When he returned home to Kibbutz Eyal in the Sharon, he resumed riding. But this was somewhat dangerous, because the kibbutz horses were not sufficiently disciplined.

Anita and Rabbi Michael Boyden meanwhile found a suitable mare, and, with the help of the Duke of Devonshire and the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families' Association in Lancashire, raised the money to buy it.

El Al agreed to fly the horse here free of charge. It was named Heather after Heather Windsor, the airline secretary who made the shipping arrangement.

Burg decries society's growing violence

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An atmosphere increasingly conducive to violence has developed in Israel during the past few years. Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg said at the opening of a new section of the police detention centre at Abu Kabir yesterday. He mentioned Emil Grunzweig's murder last year, the attack on the Arab bus this week, and "those who wanted to destroy the Temple Mount" as examples of the growing violence.

Denouncing violence for any cause, Burg said the violent atmosphere is reflected in the number of criminal files at police stations.

greater crowding of detention facilities, and the growing number of traffic accidents.

The new detention section will add 108 beds — 54 of them for women and 54 for youth detainees — to the existing facility, which until now held up to 151 prisoners, including 36 women, in overcrowded conditions. Twenty policemen will serve in the new section in 24-hour shifts.

Burg, District Court President Judge Hanna Avnor, Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan, and Tel Aviv district commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman toured the new lock-up section.

They were shown an exhibition of improvised weapons and drug smoking utensils made by detainees.

Teachers object to new regulations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut Teachers' Union voiced its objections yesterday to new pedagogical-autonomy regulations promulgated by the Education and Culture Ministry earlier this week.

The regulations will permit principals to decide independently the dates of opening and closing the school year, dates of vacations, what subjects will be taught and their distribution throughout the school year.

Union secretary-general Amnon Abrahamson said the proposed system could lead to the disappearance of entire subjects from the curriculum.

Representatives of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, however, told Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer they like the idea

but asked that the ministry's Pedagogical Council, and not the principal alone, have the right to decide.

In response, Hammer said that no further changes in the matriculation (bagrut) examinations will be made without the participation of the high-school teachers.

The association took the opportunity of the meeting with the minister to warn him that they will feel free to take action if the salary raises promised by the Etzioni Committee are not paid.

SYMPHONY. — The Haifa Symphony Orchestra will appear in two special concerts in Eilat next Wednesday and Thursday. The second concert, a performance of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, will be specially for young people.

MKs asked to better defence-loan terms

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset House Committee will be asked next week to facilitate immediate discussion of a draft bill to change the terms of the redemption of the Compulsory Defence Loan-1971, if Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad continues to refuse to do so.

The bill was submitted by Shinui's Knesset Member Amnon Rubinstein, the party's spokesman said yesterday. He added that the finance minister said it would be handled like any other bill — that it would come up for discussion only after 60 days.

Rubinstein pointed out that this would cause those holding these bonds to lose between 50 and 75 per cent of their value.

Under the terms of the Compulsory Defence Loan-1971, linkage

ended in December 1983, but redemption, extending over several months, begins only next month. Thus everyone would lose a part of the value of the bonds due to inflation.

(When the law governing these bonds was passed, inflation was not taken into account).

Rubinstein's bill, which must be discussed and passed immediately to have the desired effect, would revise the terms of the loan so that anyone holding the bonds would only lose one month's linkage — which is the usual practice with savings schemes.

The House Committee can bypass Cohen-Orgad's refusal in bringing the bill up for discussion and possible passage without his approval.

Public council for aged being formed by Uzan

Special to The Jerusalem Post

A public council for the aged, to be headed by the prime minister's wife, Shulamit Shamir, is being formed at the initiative of Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan.

The council's role will be to increase public awareness of the problems of the aged, to lobby on

their behalf, to mobilize funds for programmes for the elderly, and to be a coordinating body for other organizations in this field.

It will be composed of public figures, Knesset members, representatives of agencies dealing with the elderly, local authorities and experts in gerontology.

Ministers don't discuss Corfu's 'near joke'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ministerial committee on Jerusalem did not formally discuss a possible expansion of Jerusalem's municipal boundaries, an Interior Ministry official said yesterday.

Ephraim Shilo, coordinator for the committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Transport Minister Haim Corfu had suggested expanding the boundaries "off the cuff" at a committee meeting on Wednesday. Corfu's suggestion was "nearly a joke," Shilo said and Interior Minister Yosef Burg said the committee couldn't possibly discuss it.

Corfu's remark came during a discussion about the lack of space for the expanding science-based industries in the capital. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who attended the meeting, did not even react to Corfu's statement "because it clearly wasn't serious," Kollek's spokesman, Rafi Davara, said yesterday.

HOSTELLERS. — The Association of Youth Hostels in Israel is to hold its 28th annual council meeting next Tuesday in Jerusalem.

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Work starts on largest amusement park

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work began this week on what will be one of the biggest outdoor popular tourism centres in the country, a seaside amusement park on the northeastern shore of Lake Kinneret.

Under construction as a joint venture by five Golan Heights moshavim, the park will be completed in about eight months. The 67-dunam project required an initial investment of \$2,700,000. This has been approved by the Tourism Ministry, which will underwrite favourable-term loans of up to 60 per cent of the investment. The project is being built on state-owned land.

Among the facilities available for visitors — who will come mainly on Saturdays — will be swimming pools, a "dodgem-dodgy" pond for colliding power boats, water-tobogganing equipment and a land-to-water slides 60 metres long by 15 metres high.

Later, the project will be expanded by the establishment of a holiday cabin resort including waterfront camping sites.

The five moshavim sponsoring the project are Givat Yo'av, Neot Golan, Ani Am, Eliad and Maale Gania. The formal name of the organization executing the work is Hof Golan Tourism and Resort Services, Limited.

NEW CLINIC. — Kupat Holim Maccabi opened a clinic in Yavne this week to serve residents of the new housing areas around Yavne.

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CORRECTION

Moshe Gilad, 48, of Holon charged last week with embezzling, is not a Treasury official as stated in the headline to the news story in *The Jerusalem Post* last Friday.

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Iraq seeks Arab parley as Iran readies offensive

ABU DHABI (AP). — The United Arab Emirates was reported yesterday to have spearheaded consultations with other Arab states over Iraq's call for an emergency Arab foreign ministers conference next Tuesday in the Iraqi capital.

The emirates news agency WAM said the consultations were launched after Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashed Abdullah received an invitation to the conference from Iraqi Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz.

Aziz first made the call for the extraordinary meeting when he received Arab League secretary-general Chadi Klibi on Wednesday. Klibi was in Baghdad after a tour of several Gulf states and Syria, where he explored prospects of a new initiative for ending the war between Iraq and Iran, now in its 42nd month.

The latest flare-ups in the northern Gulf conflict has heightened Iraq's demands for Arab assistance within the framework of

the pan-Arab summit resolutions. Iraq's call for a meeting of foreign ministers comes amid reports that Iran is assembling a half-million-strong force on its border with Iraq in preparation for a battle which some observers believe could decide the outcome of the war.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a senior Iraqi official yesterday denied that Iraq either possessed or had used chemical weapons in the Gulf war, saying its conventional might was more than enough to blunt any Iranian offensive.

"Iraq does not need chemical weapons. We have weapons of mass destruction that are quite capable of wiping out these human waves," said the official, who asked not to be named.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has also denied Iranian charges that Iraq had used internationally-banned chemical warfare tactics in recent fighting.

"This story has been fabricated by the Iranians to cover up the

failure of their latest offensive," Hussein said in a speech this week. Iran has sent wounded soldiers to the West for treatment for what it says are the effects of poison gas and other chemical agents. The United States has backed Iran's charges, saying the evidence indicated Iraq had used chemical weapons.

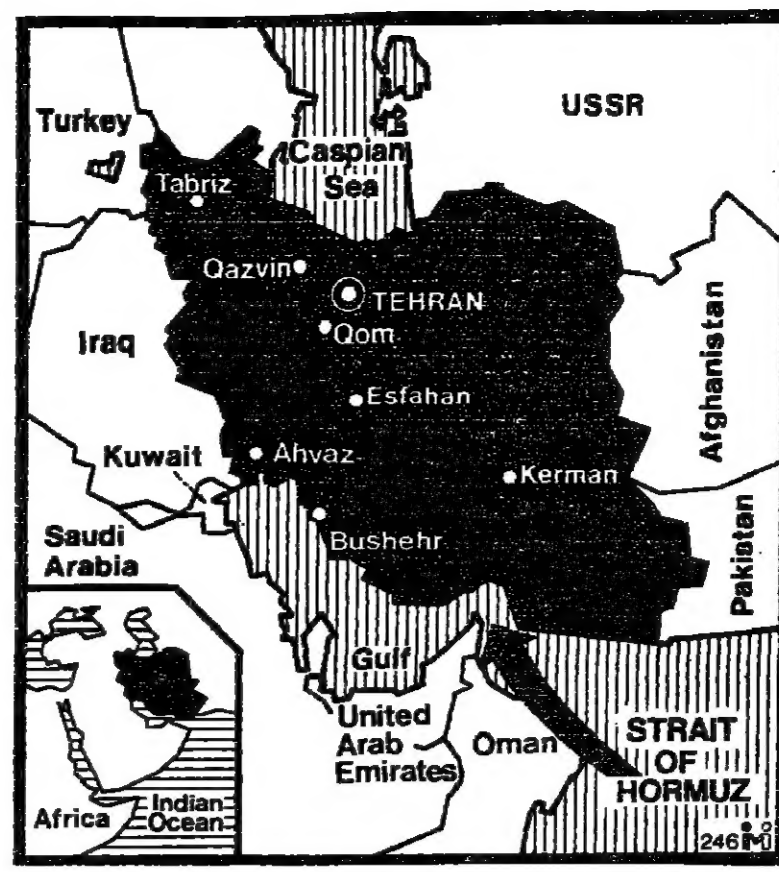
"They make a fuss about 10 or 15 alleged gas victims. If this is humanitarian concern, why have they said nothing about the 30,000 Iranians killed in the last 10 days?" the Iraqi official said.

He blamed the pro-Israeli lobby in the United States for the U.S. charges over chemical weapons.

"The Zionist lobby is trying to work against any move by the United States towards the Arabs and towards settling the Gulf War," he said.

Iraqi forces meanwhile were still battling to retake the oil-rich Majnoon Island in the marshlands straddling the southern border.

The artificial island, built to exploit billions of barrels of crude oil reserves lying beneath the wilderness of swamps and reed clumps, was seized by Iran last week.



Curfews lifted in Punjab despite policeman's killing

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Curfews in the northern Indian state of Punjab were lifted yesterday despite the killing of a policeman, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The news agency said it was the first time the curfews had been lifted since the latest bout of communal violence broke out nearly a month ago.

More than 70 persons have been killed and several hundred injured in Sikh-Hindu clashes in Punjab and neighbouring Haryana state.

The agency said three gunmen, two of whom were identified as Sikhs, ambushed a police motorcycle patrol Wednesday night near the town of Patiala. One patrolman died

on his way to hospital and a second was wounded.

The attackers then wounded three civilians, two of them seriously, when they stole a scooter to escape.

The decision to lift the curfews was taken by senior Punjab officials because of a steady improvement in the security situation despite the latest attack, PTI added.

The Sikh's holy city of Amritsar remained tense after people heard what they thought was a gunshot in a city bank yesterday. Paramilitary forces cordoned off the area and several shops were shut. PTI said police failed to discover the source of the blast.

Ian Smith demands carbon tests on unearthed skeletons

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). — Ian Smith, the last White prime minister of Rhodesia, yesterday challenged Zimbabwe's Black Socialist government to run carbon-date tests on skeletons unearthed at mass graves purportedly of thousands of Black nationalist guerrillas massacred during the independence war.

"We know we were in a war. I don't know whether these are part of the war," Smith said at a news conference. "They may of course have been there for a century or more."

The government on Monday publicized the discovery of mass graves that an official spokesman estimated held remains of more than 4,000 guerrillas.

In his reply yesterday, Smith accused Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's Black Socialist government of "stirring up past hatreds and indulging in recrimination" to divert attention from troubled Matabeleland province, where thousands of soldiers are hunting armed anti-government dissidents.

Charles joins fight against attacks on old

LONDON (AP). — Prince Charles on Wednesday pledged funds from two charity trusts he runs in a bid to combat what he says is a disturbing increase in attacks on elderly Britons by young muggers.

The 35-year-old heir to the throne promised during a visit to a youth centre in South London's depressed Bermondsey district to provide money from the Prince's Trust and the Jubilee Trust to help build more such centres and fund educational and travel projects to give new purpose to young offenders.

It was the second time in two days the prince expressed concern about attacks on old people by the young. Speaking at the 125th anniversary of the Jewish Welfare Board in London on Tuesday night, he said recent attacks made it seem the young despise the old. He said "countless hundreds" of attacks on old people by young muggers are now taking place in Britain.

He did not say how much cash he intended to provide through the trusts. But an official of the Prince's Trust said it had nearly £400,000 to spend this year on projects.

Japanese politician attacked in hotel with ashtray

TOKYO (Reuters). — A man attacked former Japanese Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa with an ashtray in a Tokyo hotel room yesterday morning and then tried to kill himself with a knife, police said.

Miyazawa, 64, was rushed to hospital, where a spokesman said he had a three small cuts on his forehead and another minor injury to the right arm.

His attacker, whose motive was not known, was taken to a police hospital and was in serious condition after stabbing himself, police said.

One of Miyazawa's aides said Miyazawa met the man alone in a third-floor room of the New Otani Hotel after being asked to go to the room, ostensibly for a meeting with a leader of a Buddhist sect which has close links with the ruling party.

Miyazawa is a leading challenger for the premiership next November when the president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party comes up for re-election.

Eagleburger silent on reports that he has resigned

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger Wednesday refused to confirm a report that he has submitted his resignation, but said if he did step down it would be for personal reasons.

Answering a question following a speech to members of the National Newspaper Association, he said: "Should I leave this building it would be for personal reasons, no other."

Eagleburger, a career diplomat and third ranking official at the State Department, has long been expected to return to private life.

The Washington Post said yesterday that he had submitted his resignation to President Ronald Reagan, effective on May 1, and would be replaced by Michael Armacost, U.S. ambassador to the Philippines.

PEACE ZONE. — President Li Xianmin of China, on a state visit to Pakistan, on Wednesday called for an Indian Ocean peace zone and a nuclear-free zone in South Asia to ensure the security and stability of the region.

Soviet Union will continue economic assistance to Kabul

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union announced yesterday that it will continue sending free and low-credit supplies to Afghanistan this year as part of a wide-ranging programme of economic aid to the Kabul government of Babrak Karmal.

The official news agency Tass said the supply of "a wide range of consumer and other goods free and under a long-term state credit" was agreed at a bilateral meeting just ended in the Afghan capital.

The Soviet Union, which sent troops into Afghanistan in December, 1979, now has an estimated 105,000 forces there. It has given extensive economic aid to Karmal's government to keep it in power.

Tass said yesterday that the Soviet Union accounted for 60 per cent of Afghanistan's foreign trade last year and that 16 industrial and other major projects were put into operation with Soviet assistance in 1982 and 1983.

Meanwhile, the armed forces daily Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star) reported that Afghan government troops had retaken the city of Urugum, some 180 kilometres south of Kabul.

The report did not say when the battle in the Urugum area bordering Pakistan took place. Western diplomatic sources in Kabul said in late January that Afghan government forces had seized control in the area after heavy fighting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentine inflation soars to record 408%

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentine prices rose by 17 per cent in February, taking the annual inflation rate to a record 408 per cent, the National Statistics Institute said Wednesday.

The government had forecast a February rise of only 10 per cent and bankers and economists said the bigger increase had dealt a severe blow to the government's economic programme.

Announcing the figures, the government ordered a supplementary wage increase of seven per cent for February, bringing the total government-ordered increase for the month to 18 per cent — one per cent more than inflation.

American TV bureau chief still missing in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Efforts to locate Jeremy Levin, the missing Beirut bureau chief for Cable News Network, continued yesterday without success. "No one has seen him or heard from him since yesterday (Wednesday) morning," a CNN staff member said. "There has been no claim of responsibility. Nothing."

Levin, 31, a native of Michigan, was last seen by his wife when she left their apartment in the Manara neighbourhood of West Beirut at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. The bureau here fears he may have been kidnapped.

Part-time soldier shot dead by Irish guerrillas

BELFAST (Reuters). — A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead yesterday by masked gunmen at the Northern Ireland patrol station where he worked, police said.

The man was ambushed by two men, who then escaped in a van from the filling station at Moira, County Antrim.

He was the second UDR man to be killed in Northern Ireland in the past six days. An Armagh undertaker was killed when Irish Republican Army guerrillas planted a booby-trap bomb in his yard.

Four anti-nuclear protesters arrested in London

LONDON (AP). — Four anti-nuclear protesters were arrested Wednesday after writing the word "repent" in charcoal on the pillars of the Defence Ministry building, police said.

They were among 50 protesters who took part in an Ash Wednesday prayer service outside the ministry which is two blocks from Parliament, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

He said the four, all from Britain, were taken to a police station and would be charged with criminal damage.

Spain and France in fishing dispute

PARIS (Reuters). — A French patrol boat's arrest of two Spanish trawlers fishing illegally in European Community waters, in which nine people were hurt, yesterday threatened to seriously damage Franco-Spanish relations.

Spain demanded an explanation within 24 hours and said the incident in the Bay of Biscay on Wednesday could have serious repercussions for relations between the two countries.

A French government spokeswoman said nine people on the trawlers were hurt, two seriously, when the patrol boat fired tear gas grenades while trying to intercept the Basque vessels 160 kilometres off the French coast.

Navy sources said the patrol boat first asked the trawlers to stop, and when they failed to do so fired several warning machine-gun shots across their bows.

The tear gas was fired on to the ships to put down resistance by the crews to a French Navy boarding party, they said.

A Spanish fishing radio station said in San Sebastian that some shipowners were proposing that the Basque fishing fleet should sail towards the French coast in a show of protest, but whether this was likely could not immediately be confirmed.

The French External Relations Ministry said it had summoned Spanish Ambassador Juan Reventos and told him it deplored the fact that despite repeated warnings to Madrid the trawlers were fishing illegally and had refused to submit to

navy controls.

In Madrid Foreign Minister Fernando Moran summoned French Ambassador Pierre Guindon to demand an explanation. Officials said he told Guindon that "the lack of a (fishing) licence does not justify the use of arms against vessels from a friendly country."

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said: "The use of violence against the Spanish ships was an act that was very hard to justify and could have serious repercussions in relations between Spain and France."

The French Secretariat of State for Marine Affairs said the two crew members badly hurt by tear gas grenades had been picked up by a French helicopter and taken ashore for treatment.

A spokeswoman said the trawlers, Burgomendi and Valle de Achondo, were unlicensed to fish in the waters and had broken agreements between Spain and the European Community. "We are absolutely in the right over this," she said.

One vessel had fished illegally in the area 12 times and the other 10 times since the beginning of December, she said.

Sports

Liverpool beat Benefica, United lose to Barcelona

Post Sports Staff and Agencies

The first legs of various European championships were played on Wednesday night. Liverpool beat Benefica in a European Cup match at Anfield but Manchester United succumbed 2-0 to Barcelona in Spain in the Cup-Winners Cup. Tottenham Hotspur were in great form when they beat Austria Vienna 2-0, despite the absence of several key internationals, including Glenn Hoddle and Garry Mabbutt.

Manchester United fell behind against Barcelona through a home goal by Graham Hogg in the 33rd minute. Rojo hammered in a 30-metre volley in the last minute of the game. If Liverpool go on to collect the European Soccer Cup for the fourth time in Rome this May, it is to be hoped the triumphant players remember to strike a 14th medal for manager Joe Fagan.

Fagan, who replaced Bob Paisley at the start of the season, made the most telling contribution of the game during the half-time interval. Despite almost incessant pressure, Liverpool were being held to a goalless draw when Fagan gambled all

by pulling off Irish international striker Michael Robinson and sending on Kenny Daiglish.

The 33-year-old Scot, who has played just two reserve games since suffering a fractured cheek bone nine weeks ago, did not score the all-important goal — that honour inevitably went to Ian Rush — but it was no coincidence that Liverpool moved up a gear after his appearance.

"It was a calculated risk," admitted Fagan. "Kenny is a world class player and poses problems for defenders even when he's nowhere near the ball... from our point of view that won us the game."

But Benefica, whose illustrious predecessor twice won this trophy back in the early 1960s, will feel reasonably confident of overturning Liverpool's advantage in the return in Lisbon. Tottenham, out of all domestic competition this season, again reserved their best form for Europe.

Urged on by the home crowd, Tottenham finally broke through 13 minutes into the second half. Graham Roberts headed down captain Steve Perryman's free kick. Mike Hazard's shot was blocked, and, as the ball broke loose, Archibald snapped it up to fire in his 23rd goal of the season.

Nine minutes later, Tottenham scored and slipped the ball beyond into the net.

Other results: Cup-Winners Cup: Oporto 3 Portugal 3, Sporting Domestik 1 Aberdeen 2, UFAFA Cup 2.

UEFA Cup: Sparta Prague 1, Hajduk Split 0, Nottingham Forest 1, Sturm Graz 0.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Great games at the top

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Hapoel Tel Aviv have now gone seven games without a win and Maccabi Tel Aviv have not beaten Hapoel in the last five years. That is the background to one of the keenest derby clashes in recent years, which will take place between the perennial Tel Aviv rivals at the Bloomfield Stadium tomorrow.

Maccabi have taken this week's game so much in earnest that they sent their entire team to rest at the Dead Sea for a couple of days. They had some injury problems, including that of their captain, Vicky Peretz, but hope to be at full strength. Peretz, Benny Tabak, Moti Iwanir and Avi Cohen are likely to play key roles for Maccabi.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, the team many were tipping for the championship this year, has been deserted by Lady Luck so far in 1984. But Maccabi scouts will no doubt have informed Maccabi coach Yitzhak Shneur that Shabtay Levy and Moshe Sinai are back in form despite Hapoel's 3-2 defeat by Betar Tel Aviv last Saturday. With a fair share of luck, they would have won. But will fortune smile at them tomorrow?

When nothing goes right for a team, as with Hapoel in recent weeks, one dare not venture a prediction how they will perform in a needle derby game. Thus anything can happen.

Jerusalem fans too can look forward to what should be a fine match at the YMCA ground tomorrow, when Betar Tel Aviv visit Betar Jerusalem. Though Jerusalem are top of the National League by three clear points, they have not produced the kind of results in the past six weeks to make them a confident selection for the league title this season. But the Jerusalem team will surely soon return to winning ways. Even at their best, however, Maimilian, Neuman and Ohana will have their work cut out to beat Avi Lieberman in the visitors goal.

The Maccabi Haila juggernaut role on, thanks to the top form of Nurach Masana, their midfield dynamo, and Zeev Arad, the spearhead of the attack. A goal a game seems to be the order of the day for the former Shriran striker. It must make the Haila team strong favourites to win at home against Hapoel Tel Aviv. But let us not forget that Hapoel Tel Aviv are a team that often surprise higher class opposition, as it did two weeks ago, when bringing to an end a Maccabi Nazareth run of wins.

Other fixtures: Yehud v Shimon; Msc. Pezah Tikva v Ramat Hashikma; Msc. Jaffa v Hatzor; Bnei Yehuda v Beersheva; Yarmouk v Netanya.

ASA TA take Lerner tourney

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — ASA Tel Aviv upset title-holders and hosts Maccabi Tzafon Tel Aviv 2-1 this week in the Israel Tennis Association's third "championships of champions" tournament in memory of Bennie Lerner.

Lerner, a former Israeli Davis Cup player and leading member of Maccabi Tzafon was killed in a road accident four years ago at the age of 27, and the annual event pits the previous season's league champions and cup holders

against each other.

Cup-holders Tzafon were weakened by the absence of three leading players, in particular their No. 1 racket Amos Mansdorf, now under a month's suspension by the ITA for serious misbehaviour on court.

In singles competition, Tzafon's Gili Bloom — on the eve of his departure for the Asian Junior Tennis Championships in Singapore — beat the visitors' Yair Weinberger 6-1, 6-4, while league champions ASA's Ben-Ami came through 6-1, 6-1 against Msc. Ben-Ami with everything depending on the doubles match. Elin Sinai and Russell Myers clinched the law for ASA, with a 6-3, 7-5 triumph over Bloom and Steve Rosenberg.

76ers thrive on the road

NEW YORK (AP). — After winning three out of four games on their West Coast road trip, the Philadelphia 76ers believe they may be coming out of the doldrums. "If we can go 3-1 on the road, we should be able to play much better at home," Julius Erving said after the defending National Basketball Association champions beat the Los Angeles Lakers 113-115 on Wednesday night. "A lot of it should carry over."

"I thought it was a good win for us," guard Andrew Toney said. "We've been struggling and maybe now we'll get out of this rut we're in."

"Before the game, I had a very good feeling and mentioned it to the players. It came true," added coach Billy Cunningham, who has seen the 76ers fall 94 games behind the Boston Celtics in the Atlantic Division. "We played exceptionally well. We are together as a ball club. Everyone is going in the right direction."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Detroit 107, Atlanta 93; Boston 117, Utah 106; New Jersey 106, Milwaukee 100; Dallas 123, Cleveland 113; Phoenix 123, Houston 110; and San Diego 114, Indiana 110.

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David Levy, photographed by Aliza Auerbach during a meeting with the Post's editorial staff on Monday. 'No one has yet been able to produce an objectively balanced economic blueprint... I still haven't found the approach that has the prospect of giving us the best mix...'

DAVID LEVY is one of the Likud government's most salient achievements. Some of his cabinet colleagues might find that fact hard to admit; but they can hardly deny it. In the seven years since the Likud took power, Levy has risen from the leadership of a very specific and localized power base to a role of national prominence.

Some observers believe that by challenging Yitzhak Shamir for the premiership last year Levy shot his bolt too soon and is now in political decline. Certainly he requires all his charm and facility with phrases to explain away the embarrassing fact that despite his (Levy's) repeated public assurances, Shamir shows no sign of appointing him to the foreign ministry, which he ardently desires.

Hebrew is such a rich language," Levy noted this week. "Let us say, therefore, that the matter is 'talui ve'omed' [pending; literally — dependent and standing]."

In other words, Levy was hinting, with just a twing of resentment, that the appointment depended on Shamir — and at the moment, it was standing still.

"But I'm not standing over him with a stop-watch," Levy added.

"There are more burning issues for him to deal with — economic issues, social issues, the structure of the government. Any move that he might make could shake the entire structure. And I understand that. His problems are my problems too."

With every passing day this shaking-the-structure explanation ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC malaise is not due to a lack of good intentions by economic policy makers but by a touch of selfishness, said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing David Levy.

Meeting with members of The Jerusalem Post staff, Levy said: "I do not know even one person in all of Israel who can be accused of not wanting the best for the country's economic well-being. Yet, there is always a disagreement either on this point or on that point as people

becomes less cogent, and the theory that Shamir evidently just doesn't want David Levy as his foreign minister becomes ever more convincing.

But Levy manages to stay aloof, to brazen it out. After all, he has several objective advantages on his side: his relative youth, his wide popularity, his salt-of-the-earth origins and image, and, perhaps above all, his remarkable knack of basking in the government's successes while emerging radiant and unsullied from its failures.

IF THIS is what his fellow ministers have against him, they've got a point. Loyalty is not his strongest virtue. The doctrine of collective responsibility is not his credo, or at least not his practice.

Thus on economics he says sagely: "No one has yet been able to produce an objectively balanced economic blueprint. Any economic policy contains weaknesses... I still haven't found the approach that

has the prospect of giving us the best mix [between budget cuts and social justice]."

And on Shamir's and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's pledges that there will not be large-scale unemployment as a result of cuts in public spending, David Levy says, "I want to see how it works out in practice."

Hardly the ringing expressions of faith and commitment that the finance minister might expect — and desperately needs at this delicate juncture — from the deputy premier (who, for reasons still unexplained, himself refused to shoulder the onerous burden of running the Treasury).

Dutifully he rehearses the government's economic goals: a curb on living standards, a whitening down of the public service, some slowdown in domestic economic activity. "But the question is how far you go. At what point do you stretch things too far, cause an ex-

plosion, and have to compensate everyone — which brings you back to square one."

He supports reductions and restrictions "in theory." "But are they practical?" he asks.

With similarly deft footwork he skips around the episode of Yoram Aridor's 'election economics.' "Hand on my heart," says David Levy, "I never knew of such a thing; there was no such thing as an economic policy designed especially for the elections. There was just a certain flexibility — all parties in power do it. There is no democracy on earth where the government doesn't try to find favour in the eyes of the public (which elections come round): it would be disingenuous to pretend that it isn't so."

"But I would never support 'election economics' as such."

ON LEBANON, the area of the government's most tragic failure, Levy positively swells with satisfac-

tion to hear himself referred to as a moderate, a dissenter within the Begin-Sharon cabinet and now within the Shamir government on the issue of redeployment. "It is for history to judge what influence I had," he says modestly, in answer to a question.

But at the same time he staunchly defends those aspects of the war which the government must defend if it is not to be totally discredited. "We achieved the two fundamental goals set out in the cabinet's original decision of June 3, 1982: peace and security for Galilee, and the destruction of the PLO's infrastructure in south Lebanon."

"We went further than that, in our quest for peace. The Israel-Lebanon agreement was intended to ensure that Lebanon would not revert to being a base for attacks on us."

"Sadly, though, the Lebanese government failed to unite around it all the various vying forces in the

country. It proved incapable of meeting this challenge. Israel was faced with the option of maintaining the Jemayel regime in power by means of the IDF — which in my view would have been absolutely wrong for us to do. We declined to do it."

"As a result, Amin Jemayel had to go to Canossa — that is, to Damascus."

"Now with the agreement gone we have to consider what to do next, where to deploy. Not necessarily on the present line. The military people must come forward with proposals and alternatives. The purpose should be not to stay stuck among a hostile civilian population. And at the same time we should be able to deter (acts of terrorism), to prevent them — and if need be to strike back."

"The cabinet must resolve this matter, in my opinion — soon. It is simplistic to think that we can just pull out of Lebanon together."

There has to be a middle course, providing a minimum of danger for our troops and a maximum of potential to deter and to react."

DAVID LEVY'S image as a war hero — in the eyes of the growing number of Israelis who realize that the war was a disaster — is justified in part, and in part it is the product of some fancy footwork again.

His responsible and admirable conduct at that ill-fated, fateful cabinet meeting of September 16, the night the Phalanges entered the camps, is fully documented, and deservedly praised, in the Kahan Commission report.

Even before that, during the phoney war of July and the bloody bombardments of August, Levy expressed his sincere and profound reservations over the way things were going. He was not deterred even by upbraiding and icy hostility from Menachem Begin.

That took guts, and Levy showed he had guts.

But Levy awoke only when the going got rough. The record — and it is now documented in books — shows him to have been as enthusiastic as the others over the initial war decision, which in the light of hindsight seems so shortsighted and misconceived. And he was apparently as glib as the others when Sharon turned the 48-hour campaign into one man's war.

Yes, he is an attractive and appealing personality, and he may yet rise higher still in Israeli leadership. But he cannot assume he can be a fair weather minister only.

No lack of good intentions

By AARON SITTNER/Jerusalem Post Reporter

realize that this action or that action will affect them personally. Then, suddenly, the good of the country takes a back seat."

Discussing some features of the government's present economic

policy, Levy added: "We are out to bring down wages, in real terms. But the big question is, how far do you go?"

"Prime Minister Shamir has stated time and again that this government is dead set against deliberate unemployment as a cure for an economic ill. Yet, how far can you reduce economic activity — in the fight against inflation — without bringing on mass joblessness?"

Levy described the government's subsidy programme as "very important, since our entire wage structure and welfare assistance programme is closely and directly related 'to the level of food and public transport subsidies. If we rescind the subsidy

will be directly responsible for feeding the flames of inflation," he stated.

IN REPLY to a question, Levy denied that there is such a thing as "an election year economic policy... though, in a democratic society every party is at liberty to display a certain amount of flexibility in its thinking, in order to attract votes."

Yet, in his view the most effective strategy for any political party in an election year is to espouse the policy which it feels is the best for the nation, "and then that party will surely succeed."

Levy also told The Post staffers programme we — the government — that in the past five years (as Hous-

ing Minister) he has made available 22,000 flats for new immigrants, "which is more than has been required in view of the number of immigrants who have arrived in the past five years."

At his insistence, a comprehensive programme has been developed for immigrant housing — low-rental (under \$100 per month) state-owned flats for newcomers in development towns; ministry "participation" for three years of up to \$200 per month for immigrant families renting on the private market; and "unprecedentedly generous" mortgage loans for immigrant families who buy a flat — with monthly mortgage payments never exceeding \$100 per month.

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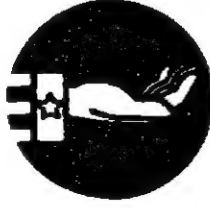
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DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Gary Hart has a virtually flawless record on Israel in the eyes of American Jewish lobbyists. Like former vice president Walter Mondale, and, for that matter, President Ronald Reagan, the 47-year-old Colorado senator is considered a good friend of Israel.

In recent years, the litmus tests of support for Israel in the U.S. Senate have been two critical votes — the Carter administration's 1978 package sale of 60 F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia and the Reagan administration's 1981 Awaacs aerial surveillance sale to the Saudis. Hart's voted against both. In addition, the senator has always been with Israel during all of the economic and military aid roll-calls.

All of this, of course, is becoming increasingly important with Hart's emergence from the pack of Democratic hopefuls in recent days to seriously challenge Mondale for the party's nomination. At this stage, Mondale is fighting for his political life, especially following Hart's stunning victories in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

Until recently, Hart was not a household name around the world, and hardly even in the U.S. But among Washington insiders, he has been well known ever since he was first elected to the Senate in 1974. In 1972, he was George McGovern's campaign manager.

In the Senate, Hart has taken leadership roles on several issues, including defense and energy. But he has not been prominent in other foreign policy matters, including the Middle East. In part, this is because he does not serve on the Foreign Relations Committee.

STILL, he has spoken out on the Middle East on numerous occasions. As far as Israel is concerned, what he has said has almost always been very positive.

"As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I know investing in the security of Israel is a sound, sensible and strategic investment for those who care about the U.S.," he has often said in his speeches about the Middle East. To quote more extensively from one of those prepared speeches:

"For the past several years, American foreign-policy makers have de-

New cover man

By WOLF BLITZER

bated whether we should expect our allies to share our political ideals, should we, in a moral effort to improve the human condition worldwide, insist that our allies respect and adhere to the democratic ideals so central to the American system? Or should we be more pragmatic — accepting objectionable internal politics, and looking instead to the role an ally might play in helping us achieve our military and strategic aims?"

"In the case of Israel, no such dilemma exists. Alignment with Israel is right both morally and strategically. It was right in 1948. It is right today. And it will always be right."

TWO YEARS AGO, on March 14, 1982, he addressed the Young Leadership of the United Jewish Appeal at their Washington convention. He underlined Israel's strategic importance to the U.S.

"Israel," he said, "is a reliable partner in intelligence collection necessary to prevent crises. Our loss of intelligence sites in Iran, Vietnam and Pakistan, for example, only underscores the importance of a friend like Israel."

It was shortly before he delivered that speech, by the way, that Hart did take an active leadership posture on one issue important for Israel. Together with Republican Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania, he introduced a resolution to bar the sale of mobile Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan.

Since then, the sale has been on hold, partially because those two senators managed to attract more than half of their colleagues to co-sponsor the resolution. Instead, the

Reagan administration has recently proposed less sophisticated Stinger anti-aircraft missiles for the Jordanians.

AT THE TIME of the 1982 anti-Hawk action, Hart warned:

"Substituting arms sales for diplomacy moves us no closer to peace in the Middle East. So I opposed the sale of Awaacs to the Saudis. I have urged the president to reject the sale of Hawk missiles to the Jordanians. And I will oppose any and all future arms sales that increase instability in the Middle East and undermine Israel's security."

A year before that statement, he explained before a Jewish audience in Colorado why he was willing to support extensive financial assistance to Israel at a time of domestic economic problems, in the U.S.

"We cannot permit Israel to fail economically," he said. "Our commitment to Israel's survival demands more from us than rhetoric. It demands personal sacrifice on our part. It demands a public commitment to substantial economic assistance on the part of the U.S."

On October 28, 1981, the day of the Awaacs vote, Hart said in a lengthy statement outlining the many reasons why he opposed the sale, that "burdening Israel's economy with even greater requirements for arms to meet the new [post-Awaacs] military situation means a further economic struggle for an ally already overwhelmed by high defence costs."

He summed up his opposition thus:

"I plan to vote for the resolution of disapproval against the Awaacs sale because I believe that jeopardizing the Middle East peace process through arms escalation, risking a compromise of U.S. technology, and increasing the military threat to Israel, is not the best way to protect the security of the region against outside hostile acts. The sale will only add to the region's overall instability, instead of alleviating tensions between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

LIKE MONDALE and Reagan, Hart has been very active in seeking Jewish support in his concerted bid for the presidency. One year ago, for instance, his major Jewish support-

ters organized a fund-raiser for him during the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac), the pro-Israeli lobbying organization in Washington. It was one of many such Jewish receptions which Hart has attended around the country both before and since.

Last August, he attended a fund-raising reception in Aspen, Colorado. During an informal question-and-answer session, he once again outlined his strong support for Israel, although most of the audience was not Jewish. Jack Nicholson, the actor and an Aspen resident, was the host.

Hart may have been McGovern's campaign manager in 1982, but the two clearly have split since then as far as Israel is concerned. McGovern, like the Rev. Jesse Jackson, has often been quite critical of Israel's policies.

HART RAISED some initial questions about Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June 1982; but, his Jewish supporters point out, so did much of Israel and the American Jewish community. Since then, he has been down the line in standing alongside Israel.

In all of his most recent statements condemning the Reagan administration's policies in Lebanon, Hart, like Mondale, has steadfastly sought to differentiate between his support for Israel's security concerns and his opposition to U.S. policy in Lebanon, including the dispatch of the Marines.

By nearly all accounts, the Democratic race is now a two-man affair. Hart, almost overnight, is making impressive inroads. His picture was on the cover this past week of all the major U.S. news magazines — a sure sign of success. Mondale, his sides confessed, is nervous. Still, don't count him out yet.

In any case, both Mondale and Hart have strong pro-Israel records, leading many of Israel's friends in the Democratic Party to conclude that either man would make a good candidate. Between those two, Israel is not going to be a debating issue.

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A failure of control

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

BEYOND THE PERSONAL tragedy of Ya'acov Levinson, the need for new methods of public control of the Histadrut's economic empire demands urgent attention. It should be perfectly clear by now that Histadrut ownership as such does not provide the answer, any more than state ownership of government corporations guarantees the protection of the public interest.

It must be recognized that democratic institutions, formalized in public ownership and representative institutions, with nominal control, have only a limited relevance. Suggestions for broadening the base of such mechanisms, such as providing non-managerial public or worker representation, perhaps desirable in their own right, do not provide an answer to the problem of public supervision. They carry the danger of providing the appearance of public control, without the tools for making it effective. To make cooperative ownership work in practice, there has to be a clean break with a good deal of the mythology of socialism.

The referral of the allegations against Levinson to the attorney-general was a clear admission of the failure of internal Histadrut control mechanisms. In the last half-century, the Histadrut has come full circle. In 1927 a special committee of inquiry concluded that Histadrut employees had received salaries and other benefits in violation of the prevailing egalitarian principles. This was the first major case of corruption in the Labour Movement in Yishuv annals. Ben-Gurion and other top leaders refused to permit publication of the report or disclosure of the names of the individuals involved, arguing that they would have no alternative but to leave the country, if exposed.

Other than the obvious altered evaluation of the importance of personal reputation, there is the clear failure in the Levinson case to make a clear finding within the Histadrut structure. The appeal to the

attorney-general was not the result of a finding, but rather the result of its absence. Since no individual or institution within the Histadrut was prepared to reach a conclusion, there was a decision — actually a non-decision — to shift the buck outside.

The two-man committee in the Levinson case differed from the 1927 committee of inquiry in its ability to decide. This was a function of its ambiguous status. What the situation demanded was an independent tribunal with a quasi-judicial status.

THE ANALOGY to the case of a government corporation is appropriate. When allegations were made against the director-general of Netivei Neft, a public commission of inquiry, under the chairmanship of Supreme Court Justice Alfred Wilkon, was appointed to investigate the charges, pursuant to the same law under which the Kahan Commission on the Beirut massacres was constituted. Not all the hearings of the Netivei Neft commission were open to the public, nor were its findings published in full, as they involved state secrets no less sensitive than those involved in international banking.

Levinson seems to have had something of the sort in mind when he proposed that the matter be referred to a retired Supreme Court judge for examination. At least in this instance he was prepared to relax his reservations with regard to bank secrecy.

An independent quasi-judicial tribunal should be part of the institutional structure of the Histadrut. The problems of the supervision of Histadrut economic enterprises are essentially the same as those of government corporations, and analogous institutional answers are needed. They should be available as part of the rules of the game, not as ad hoc measures, inadequately applied.

In a broader context, thought should be given to providing a measure of public control by tying it with a private interest. The possibility of a shareholder's derivative class suit would be a worthwhile development. In countries where this exists, it permits a shareholder to bring an action, on behalf of other shareholders similarly situated, in the name of the corporation in which he is a shareholder.

Typically, the suit seeks redress for wrongs done the shareholders by the management. The incentive to

bring the action is not in the perhaps inconsequential effect of a redress of wrong on the value of the shares of the company, but rather in the award of legal fees to the successful shareholder, based on the benefit derived by the corporation. Such a development would involve the judiciary of the state in the protection of the public interest and would foster the development of norms of managerial behaviour.

In the Levinson case, it is particularly regrettable that the only cop-out apparently available was a referral to the attorney-general. Turning to the police was undesirable not only because of the odium attached to a police investigation. By its very nature, a police investigation is limited to the criminal aspects of the case. These are probably not the most significant, in terms of the public interests involved.

AS THE management of a bank is involved, the common-sense address for investigation by the state would seem to be the Bank of Israel's examiner of banks. It seems that this avenue was unavailable, due to the lack of investigative facilities in the hands of this public agency. This is a deficiency that should be remedied.

After a celebrated bank failure, involving criminal conduct, a decade ago, the Bank of Israel did become involved in an investigative capacity, as it, in effect, had to bear the losses incurred. Subsequently, the then attorney-general, Meir Shamgar, chaired a committee that examined the investigative measures of the bank. Adequate corrective measures do not appear to have been adopted. Today, with the state having undertaken the role of guarantor of bank shares, there is an added public interest that deserves protection.

The adequacy of the supervision of banking by the Bank of Israel requires reexamination. If there ever was an age of innocence in the management of the labour economy, it is now behind us. Future historians may conclude that Histadrut management never really was what tradition tells us it used to be. Future struggles for power cannot be prevented. What can be done is to provide ground rules of fair play by which they will be conducted. They, at least, should not be part of the battle, to be manipulated by the contenders.

The writer is a political scientist.

READERS' LETTERS

ENCOURAGING ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Charles Hoffman's article of February 28 on the accomplishments of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) was a 90 per cent positive reflection of that organization's good works and was well-deserved.

Allow me one correction to Mr. Hoffman's statement "...who is missing from this equation: the shillim and other officials of the Aliya Department of the WZO..."

For the past four years, it has been my pleasure and honour to work with Jewish Community Federations, Synagogues and other organizations in North America to increase their recognition of the importance (to them and to Israel) of aliya. In fact, in this short period,

community involvement in encouraging aliya and assisting olim has been a major agenda item in the WZO, the Jewish Federations of North America, and among all the North American leadership concerned with the crisis of Jewish life and the centrality of Israel.

We continuously emphasize the key role AACI should have in this evolving reality and hope The Jerusalem Post will one day recognize that there are many partners in this success story — but that the initiator of this activity was indeed the Aliya Department of the WZO.

RAY LEVIN,
Assistant to the Chairman of the
Aliya Department of the WZO,
Jerusalem.

JEWIS AGAINST JACKSON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am shocked to hear that a local chapter of American Jews against Jackson is forming right here in Israel. Such an organization is certainly a dangerous element in the U.S. and is far worse when it spreads to this country.

I am certainly an admirer of the Reverend Jesse Jackson and disagree with his Middle East political outlook. But when a U.S. political candidate takes a stand that is slanted against Israel and its long-term interests, an organized effort should be made to counter this stand with sound arguments. Forming an organization whose sole function is to fight against one individual is something quite different. It also does not make much sense in light of all the poll indications placing him well out of the running for the Democratic nomination.

DAVID A. EPSTEIN
Kibbutz Matzava.

DUTCH FLOWERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Israel Comité Nederland has sent for the third consecutive year, 100,000 Dutch bulbs to Jerusalem which are at present flowering all over the city. Those wishing to express their appreciation may do so by writing to Bureau I.C.N., Prins Hendrikweg 38, 3941 GH Doorn, Holland, or to the Israel contact-address ICN c/o the undersigned, 2 Oliphant Street, 92 231 Jerusalem.

MEIR DRUKKER,
on behalf of the ICN
Jerusalem.

CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In your issue of January 9, there is an article by Judy Siegel reporting an interview she had with me and three of my congressional colleagues at the close of a ten-day tour we made of Israel, Egypt and Lebanon. Unfortunately, perhaps because of reasons of space, Ms. Siegel tended to lump all of our views together and, while we four do share certain views, our opinions differ on other points.

In particular, I was distressed that she reported that "they also were surprised by the lack of unanimity among Israelis on the need to remain in Lebanon and to build more settlements in the territories." This suggestion that I was unaware of the fact that Israel is a vigorous and open democratic society in which important views are strongly debated is simply wrong. As a strong supporter of a mutually

cooperative relationship between America and Israel, I have been a fairly close observer of Israeli politics for about 25 years; I have been to Israel on several occasions; and I have frequently met with Israeli officials, opposition figures and private citizens in the United States. I would have been totally surprised to have come to Israel and found that there was somehow unanimity on the subjects mentioned.

In general, I must ask that I not be held responsible for any of the views which Ms. Siegel attributed to all four Members of Congress in block. I have enough trouble defending my own individual views on subjects without being charged with responsibility for the views of those with whom I happen to be travelling.

BARNEY FRANK
Washington, D.C.

MORIAH FIRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With regard to the recent fire in the Moriah Hotel, I feel that I should bring the following occurrence to your readers' attention. Four years ago, I had occasion to stay at the Moriah Hotel, together with an uncle, my daughter and son-in-law. Whilst looking over the hotel we were agast to note that the fire exits from the basement were locked. My uncle immediately went to see the manager, protesting at the fire hazard, only to be told in a supercilious fashion that these were security arrangements, and not to tell him how to run his

business. My uncle then threatened to call in the police and the manager laughed. On phoning the police, my uncle was amazed to discover something that the manager must already have known, namely, that they were not at all interested, and would not be calling to check out the facts.

DAVID SCHEINER
London.

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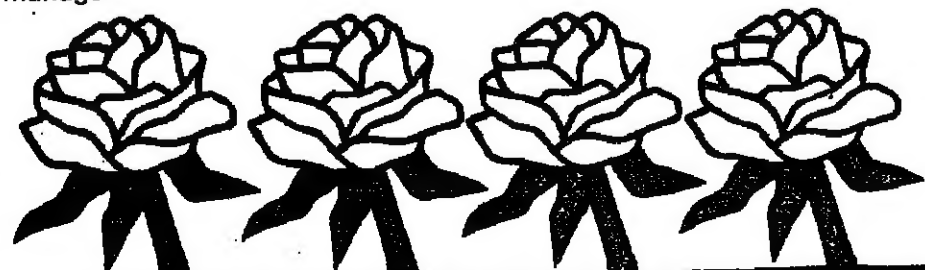
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LAST LAUGH. Yoram Aridor, the father of "Proper Economics" and the third of the Likud's four ministers of finance, passed through town recently, on an Israel Bonds speaking tour. And while he may not have convinced New York audiences that he had done an effective job at the Treasury, he did surprise them with a rare display of wit.

Aridor disclosed that when a new Israeli finance minister takes office, he finds on his desk three envelopes, with the legend: "Open in time of real crisis." The first envelope, contains this message: "You can blame me," and is signed "your predecessor."

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According to Aridor, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad has just opened the first envelope.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION is not discounting the possibility that former premier Menachem Begin may make a political comeback, if things get really bad for the Likud. Usually well-informed sources in Washington have informed Public Faces that aides to President Ronald Reagan feel Begin may be persuaded to get back in harness during an election campaign, to bring out the masses and revive his party's sagging fortunes. According to the sources, that may be why Begin's successor, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, continues to hold the foreign affairs portfolio—as an insurance policy.

That view is confirmed by two Begin confidants who have visited the U.S. recently. While here, Begin's chief of bureau Yehiel Kadishai reassured American friends that his old boss was likely to make a comeback. And Economic Coordination Minister Ya'acov Meridor, while in New York to organize a new Jerusalem economic conference, told anyone who'd listen that Begin had another surprise up his sleeve.

UNNECESSARY DETOUR. Meridor made a less-than-grand entrance to the Cable News Network studios the other day. Arriving for an interview, Meridor spotted a large empty wooden crate near the

entrance. Mistaking it for a security installation, he clambered through the crate, to the amazement of his hosts.

REJECTED OFFER. Back in 1972, former prime minister Golda Meir turned down an informal offer of secret talks with the Egyptians. The "feeler" came from Vance Hartke, then the U.S. senator from Indiana.

Hartke said the idea came up during a meeting with Sayed Marei, a close confidant of the late Anwar Sadat just before the senator was to visit Jerusalem as an official guest of the government. Marei liked the plan, but wanted to wait and hear Golda's reaction.

But on arriving in Jerusalem, Hartke said, he was told by Mrs. Meir: "We have information that Sadat will fall within six months, so we are not interested in talking to him or his government. We will wait for his successor."

This revealing exchange is reported in *Special Counsel*, a new book by lawyer Leon Charney, due to appear in May under the Philosophical Library imprint. It is described in the chapter where Charney, today a Wall Street attorney, describes his six years as Hartke's counsel and adviser.

I called Hartke, who left the Senate in 1976 and is now a Washington lawyer-lobbyist, to confirm the story. He related that, at the end of the exchange, he told Golda: "Mrs. Meir, some people might think you were not interested in making peace, but only in your own prestige."

Hartke, who during his years in the Senate had a strong pro-Israel record, still describes himself as "a greater admirer of David Ben-Gurion than of Golda."

We might wonder out loud as how Americans—and particularly American Jews—will react to this criticism of Golda. In New York, the former premier is still sometimes referred to as "Our Lady of Eternal Simchas."

GOLDA HAS established a presence in the New York fashion district. A remarkably lifelike bust of the late premier, by sculptress Bar-

bara Goldfine, has been moved to a plaza on the corner of 40th Street, from the foyer of a nearby skyscraper owned by real estate tycoon (and supporter of Israeli causes) Jack Weiler. A formal inauguration, I have learned, is planned for the spring.

INFLUENTIAL PROF. When Prof. Richard Arens died last month, his funeral was arranged by a University of Bridgeport faculty colleague, Egyptian Alfred G. Gertel. The Catholic rites—and Gertel's anti-Israeli enmity—came as a shock to the deceased's brother, Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

Christine Kennedy, Richard Arens' secretary, informed Israel Consul in New York Naftali Lavie that the defense minister's brother had been strongly influenced by Gertel for more than a year. Despite the Catholic funeral, Lavie arranged a *minyan* at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue to enable the visibly upset minister to say *kaddish* for his brother.

THERE HAS BEEN no belittling for Israeli VIPs visiting America in the last few months. In fact, high living appears to be a bipartisan delight.

Take the case of Ehud Olmert, here last month on a speaking tour for the National Association of Jewish Community Relations Councils. The youthful Likud MK made a better impression in his speaking appearances than he apparently did with his hosts, who were reportedly quite peeved when Olmert demanded a big Cadillac limousine to take him around the Big Apple. There have also been reports of a similar row between Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and his Israeli Bonds hosts.

Most Israeli visitors stay at the Regency. This includes not only Sharon and Olmert, but Labourites Yitzhak and Leah Rabin, Shimon Peres and Gad Ya'acobi. The Likud is also represented by Ronnie Milo and Yosef Rom. Apparently to be different, Economics Minister Ya'acov Meridor stays at the Waldorf-Astoria.

SPIN-OFF DEPT. Israeli luminaries who go to the States on the invitation of Jewish groups often stay on to hit the private, paid-for lecture circuit.

A fate of three envelopes

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Dan Walker, manager of the largest lecture agency, Harry Walker Inc., confirmed that Yitzhak Rabin has been a client for years. Walker told Public Faces that Sharon and former president Yitzhak Navon have also joined his firm's list of speakers, which includes such big names as ex-president Gerald Ford, Henry Kissinger, and Alexander Haig.



Navon caused something of a fuss in Houston when he cancelled a performance at Beit Yeshurun, the city's largest synagogue. Turns out that the congregation is Conservative. In an angry letter to Rabbi Navon, Rabbi Jack Segal of Beit Yeshurun wrote: "Your stay in America has not contributed to deepening the bond between Israel and the Diaspora. To the contrary, you have caused a deeper rift. It would seem that while our money is kosher, our congregation is *treife* to you."

versity, gets \$1,500. The normal agency "cut" of the speaker's fee, I was told, is 40 per cent.

TOURING AMERICA is not limited to our politicians. Aluf Gad Navon, the chief army chaplain, recently brought over the chaplaincy choir, in a string of performances arranged by impresario Haim Tishman. In the American Jewish press, the group was billed as "Israel's Army Choir and Band," with the words "of the Rabbinate" appearing in tiny letters.

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ISN'T SO DEPT. The New York Post has let it be known that its owner, Australian press magnate Rupert Murdoch, is not planning to buy Ma'ariv or any other Israeli newspaper. Press-watchers here wonder whether there is any connection between the report and the fact that The New York Post's Israel correspondent is Uri Dan, the Arik Sharon aide who acrimoniously parted ways with Ma'ariv some years back.

IN THE RUNNING. The list of candidates to succeed Yehuda Blum as Israel's ambassador to the UN gets longer every day. According to various sources, the chances of former justice minister Shmuel Tamir have not gotten better, with Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu, the No. 2 to Meir Rosenne at the embassy in Washington, getting stronger and stronger.

But Netanyahu, currently in Jerusalem lobbying for the job, does have one problem. He is known as a protégé of Defence Minister Moshe Arens, which may make Prime and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir reluctant to give him the job. Others still in the race are veteran diplomat Dov Shumrak, who reportedly has

the backing of the Foreign Ministry, and Liberal Yitzhak (Ito) Rager, one-time president of Israel Bonds. I've been told that Rager hopes that his wife's close ties with Shimon Shamir will help his cause.

A late entry into the race is Harry Hurwitz, hasbara adviser to Begin, back just four months from a posting at the Washington embassy.

INDEPENDENT PROBE. Ampal, the Bank Hapoalim company in which the late Ya'acov Levinson was involved has set up its own body. It is headed by the only woman on the Ampal board, Evelyn Sommer, who is better known as World Wizo's representative at the UN. Members of the panel include well-known Jewish leaders Ludwig Jesselson, Harvey Kruger, and Irwin Jellison.

DAY IN COURT. Sharon's \$5 million libel suit against Times magazine is due to be heard in New York District Federal Court next October. Representing Sharon will be Arnold Forster, long-time official of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, who on retirement joined the Shea and Gould Manhattan law office.

ODD COUPLE. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres was spotted recently in a trendy Japanese restaurant, dining with none other than singer Zvika Pik, who was prominent in the campaigns of both the Likud and Tehiya in the 1981 Knesset race. Joining the pair in their struggle with chopsticks was Yossi Beilin, Peres' spokesman.

LETTER IMPERFECT. World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman has not made many Jewish friends with his recent letter to The New York Times, in which he denounced "Jewish rhetoric" criticizing the Rev. Jesse Jackson's acceptance of \$200,000 in Arab League money. Bronfman said his company, Seagram, had also given money to Jackson. You'll recall, of course, that the Black presidential candidate admitted recently that he'd called Jews "Hymies" and not Yids. "Hymietown," but did not apologize for saying he was "tired of hearing about the Holocaust."

I have heard that some people have started calling Bronfman "Hymie."

OVER 500 YEARS ago, the Jews of Palma de Mallorca off the Spanish mainland were forced to convert to Catholicism or be killed. Some of them, to convince their neighbours that their conversions were sincere, made a display of eating pork and so got the name Chuetas, pig-eaters. But prejudice against them continued through the centuries, and they were never integrated into Mallorcan society. Now, a few Chuetas have decided to return to Judaism, picking up a race memory that never died even through generations of persecution.

One of them is Bernardo Pomar. He is a slight, freckle-faced man of 50 who plays the violin at resort hotels and restaurants.

"In my youth I knew I was Chuetas and knew nothing more," he says. "Chuetas—the sense is to be inferior. I was in complete ignorance. Then the first book was published here giving an idea of what Chuetas was. I began to understand. I felt that my instinct took me to Judaism."

"In 1967, the first meeting of the Jewish community was announced and I went. [The members were mostly British and American re-

tirees.] I found some customs completely different, but I felt very much at home. I never was a practising Catholic. Since then, I have belonged to the Jewish community of Mallorca."

With Bernardo generally playing the violin Friday nights or away from home on working week-ends, it is often his wife Juana, born a Catholic and not a Chuetas, who takes the children to synagogue. She teases, "If there's someone who goes, it's me. I take the children for Purim, for all the holidays, on Shabbat. He goes when he can." Juana, who works as a real-estate agent, says she feels as Jewish as her husband.

For Bernardo, the important thing is his new sense of identity. He explains, "It gives me great pride to go from not knowing what I was to knowing I belong to a great people."

THAT PEOPLE has a long tradition here. Jews were in Mallorca when it was conquered by Jaime I of Aragon in 1229. While the Moslems disappeared or were reduced to slaves, Jews, who had facilitated the entrance of the Christian armies, were respected, though they were forced to abandon the quarter they had inhabited and give it to Dominican fathers who built a convent there.

"The Jewish community of Mallorca was very important," said Bernardo. "We had commercially, intellectually, the best of Spain, which then was the Jewish center of the world. There were map makers who worked on maps for Columbus."

"But when Catalans came to conquer in the 1260s, they began to oblige non-Catholics to convert. There was total conversion, but it

The Chuetas of Palma

By LUCY KOMISAR / Special to the Jerusalem Post

was an exterior conversion. Inside their houses, they continued Jewish customs."

In 1309, King Jaime II fixed the limits of the Call, the Jewish quarter. But the cathedral was built inside the gate of the quarter, and this meant that the Christians and the Jews lived together, Bernardo adds.

Jews prospered in the 14th century, becoming important artisans and merchants; some were peasants. But in 1391, the Christians attacked the Call. Three hundred Jews died, and many converted to save their lives. In 1435, the observant Jews left in Mallorca were faced with the choice of conversion or death. And the "Chuetas" were born. Many practising Jews fled to North Africa.

In Mallorca, trials of suspected heretics continued till the end of the 17th century, with burning as punishment. And there was discrimination against the converts, who were not allowed to attend schools or to marry "Christians." To be one of the 300 families with Chuetas names meant living on the margins of society. Even a Catholic priest, Josep Tarongí, wrote articles and books about the discrimination he

suffered because of his Chuetas origins.

BERNARDO says it's still a problem for the Chuetas, who comprise between five and 10 per cent of the 460,000 inhabitants. "There's more anti-Chuetism than anti-Semitism here," he said. Chuetas are still segregated in society, even in their churches. The Montesión [Mount Zion] church, built on the foundations of the old great synagogue of Palma, has been used for centuries almost exclusively by Chuetas. "Before tourism, a Chuetas couldn't aspire to anything," Bernardo says. "But now people came and opened new vistas."

We walk along Calle de las Platerías, the street of silver, where many of the Chuetas have shops. "They don't talk about it," he says. "It's like having a closed door. They don't want to open it. The Chuetas suffered a lot. They are indifferent or afraid, as if there were still the fear of the Inquisition," he adds. "They were religious. They had to catch onto something. They became very religious Catholics."

He greets several men standing in

front a jewelry store. Chuetas today live around Platerías, the nucleus of the old Call Mayor, now full of jewelry and souvenir shops. The houses there are old, but they don't date back to the time of the Call.

CHUETAS run the silver and jewelry business, and Bernardo points out that this is a continuation of the old Jewish tradition. He takes me to the cathedral to see examples of the medieval artisans' art.

The masterpiece is the giant candlestick, which came from the great synagogue that was destroyed in 1425. It had been subsequently placed over the tomb of Jaime I, when world-famous architect Antoni Gaudí took over the work of restoring the cathedral in 1904, he suspended it from the building's vaulted ceiling. It is a seven-sided construction with 365 lights—symbolic, of course, of the days of the week and the year.

"All the silver things here are Jewish," insists Bernardo. "There are objects here from the synagogue from 1200."

The cathedral treasures include a pair of 12th- or 13th-century silver rimonim for Tora scrolls. They are said to have been brought from Jerusalem and given to the cathedral by the grand master of the military order of San Juan del Hospital.

The rimonim are decorated with filigree work and jewels. The Hebrew inscriptions are confused, because the pieces were reassembled by people who didn't know Hebrew and placed them in the wrong order.

The cathedral is a good starting point for a tour of the Call, a few

blocks to the east. Take Calle San Pedro Nolasco. Or start out from Platerías and go south through the Plaza Santa Eulalia to the Calle del Call and the Calle de Montesión, then south again as far as Calle de Calatrava. The original houses no longer exist, but there is one medieval structure of Jewish origin still standing. In the Calle de Sena are the "Arab baths," actually 14th-century Jewish baths built in the oriental style. They include three rooms, which must have housed the cold bath, hot bath and steam bath. The largest room has a central peristyle bounded by 12 columns and a gallery; there is also a brick dome with an opening for light.

Later that night, Juana and I sit at an outdoor restaurant watching classical and popular songs on the violin. There are Israeli tourists in the audience, and he plays a *borach*. The Jew from the past salutes the Jew of today.

Lucy Komisar is an American freelance journalist who writes about international affairs.



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Demi-goddesses with pony-tails

Paul Kohn reports on an impressive team of gymnasts. Israel Talby did the pictures.

IF THERE WERE seven wonders in the world of sport, Nadia Comaneci of Rumania would surely be among them. At the age of 13 she won three individual gold medals at the Montreal Olympics eight years ago, amassing perfect scores of 10.

"Comaneci" became a household word — any girl trying a somersault might be teased with "Who do you think you are, Nadia Comaneci?" She was a demi-goddess in Rumania where thousands of parents dream of their little girls following in her footsteps.

The products of these ambitions and years of relentless work could be seen this week at the Wingate Institute of Physical Culture in Netanya, where the Rumanian Olympic girls' gymnastic team was in training.

In the superbly equipped "Berlin Gymnasium" among the parallel bars, horizontal beams and large square mat, 11 pony-tailed teenagers went through their exercises.

Watched daily in silence by hundreds of curious Israeli athletes, the Carpathian sylphs flew silently through the air. Only the music and

settings of Swan Lake were missing. Instead there were the commands of their coaches, Goreac Adrian and Bellu Octavian, the athletic Maria Cosma, and a choreographer. For three non-stop hours each day the girls, some looking like angelic wisps, worked in deadly earnest.

Their control of body and movement, their marvellous pirouettes, breathtaking backward overhead flips on narrow beams, and hydraulic somersaults diagonally across the mat were amazing. It was hard to believe that these bodies were of human flesh and muscle and not indiarubber.

MARIA SIMANESCU, head of the Rumanian Olympic contingent and a leading personality in world gymnastics, explained that the girls in Israel this week are the peak of the broad pyramid of Rumanian gymnasts. They had to face fierce competition to gain a place in the squad.

The girls, none over 15 but some looking no more than ten years old, all lived, studied, did their school

homework and trained together. Everything was paid for by the state.

The Rumanian government is exceptionally keen to have its gymnasts turn out in Los Angeles in July in absolute peak condition. "Naturally, we hope to be winners in the Olympics," says Simanescu, but in more realistic tones admits that they may finish second to the Soviets. They also expect extremely tough opposition from the East Germans, Americans, Czechs, and fast-improving Chinese.

For the uninitiated it is difficult to pick out the best; each looks brilliant. Simanescu points out Ecaterina Szabo, 16, winner of a gold and two silver medals in the recent world championships in Budapest; Levenia Agache, 16, a world medal winner on the beam; and her great new star, Laura Cutina, 15, "who is rapidly reaching towards the very top."

Simanescu said the level of international gymnastics today simply does not compare with the era of Agnes Keleti, the former Hungarian (now Israeli) Olympic champion of 1956. Comaneci set phenomenal new heights to which the girls at Wingate this week "are getting closer."

Gymnastic judges award their marks for superior technique, self confidence, variety in pace and

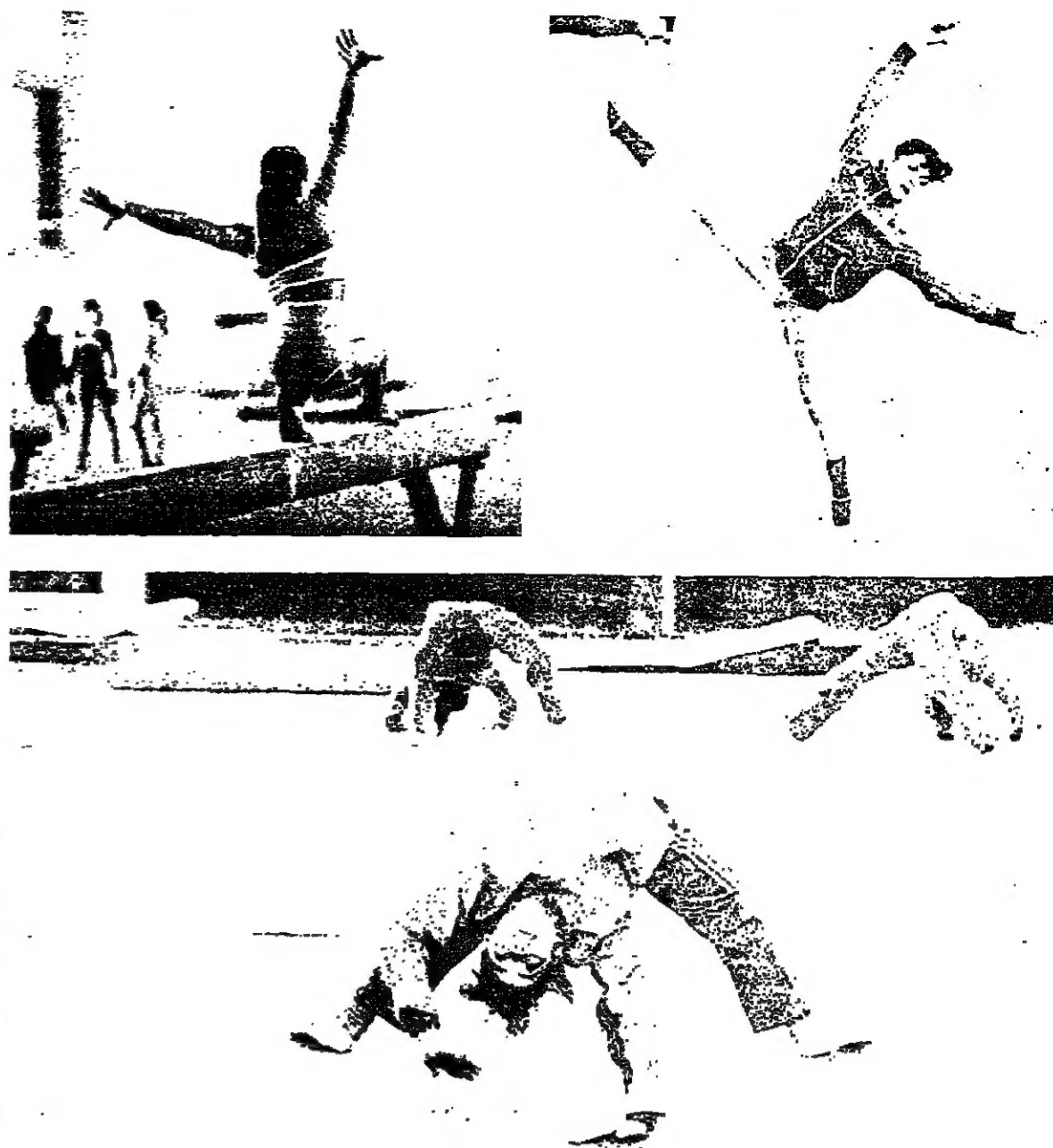
choreographic originality.

RUMANIA HAS so many topnotch gymnasts because it has a broad base of thousands of capable children, has excellent facilities throughout the country, and can offer the finest coaching. Talent spotters find girls at the ages of seven and eight, Simanescu said. "By the time they are 12 and 13 we know if we have champion material and they reach their zenith in the sport by 15 or 16. Once they get beyond 18 they can in most cases be considered old in women's gymnastics," she said.

Besides the gymnastics training the girls are allowed to engage in certain other sports, such as skiing, swimming, cycling and table tennis. (A pre-Comaneci heroine of Rumanian sport was Angelica Rosianeu, the Jewish world table tennis champion who dominated the women's game in the post World War II years.)

Simanescu praised the training conditions at Wingate where the Rumanians are guests of the Israel Olympic Committee and Sports Federation.

For Israeli gymnasts and other athletes it has been an eye-opener to see how the Rumanians coach their proteges. They leave nothing to chance. No time is wasted during



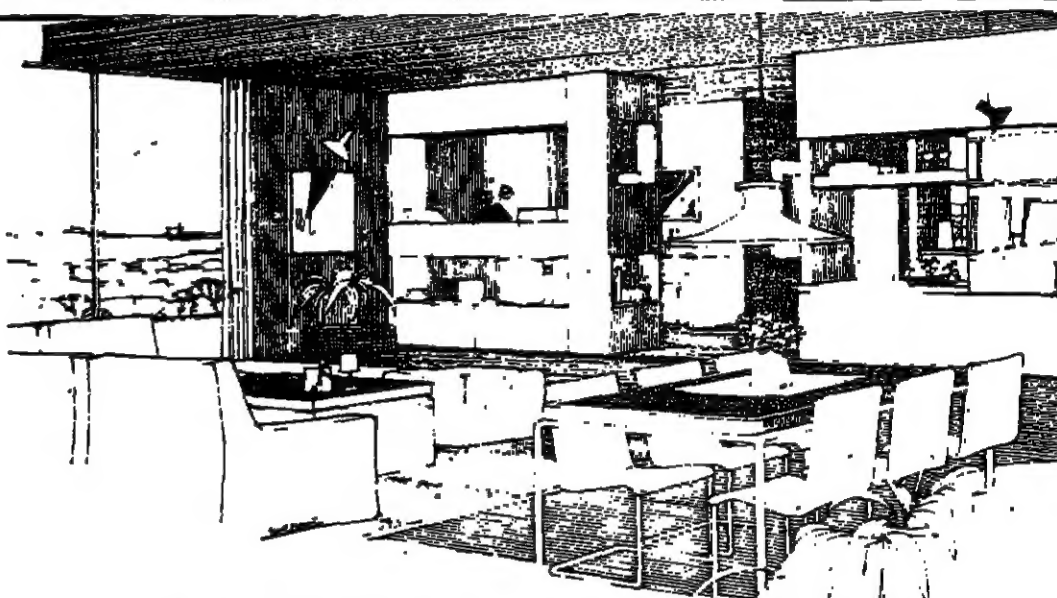
training sessions, and although these are without the razor-edged tensions of important competition there is absolutely no "larking around." Preparing athletes to win Olympic medals even if they are only children is a serious business.

Israel's national team coach,

Zehava Zysman, an immigrant from Rumania, has only eight girls who can be considered for international competition. And only one, Nancy Goldschmidt from the U.S., is likely to be chosen for the Israel Olympic team to Los Angeles.

But one gymnast, 14-year-old Tal-

ly Ostfeld of Netanya, really impressed the Rumanian coaches. They liked the speed with which she tackled really difficult exercises. Says Zysman: "Tally is our really big hope in gymnastics, but the Los Angeles Olympics are coming too soon."



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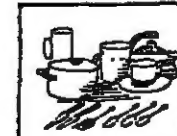
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THE SPECTRE of the Nazi past still looms heavily over West Germany where hardly a week passes without some war criminal facing trial somewhere.

Nonetheless, an era of coming to terms with and settling the debts of the Holocaust ended last month with the retirement of Adalbert Rueckerl, 59, the special government prosecutor who for the past 18 years had headed the Centre for Investigation of National Socialist Crimes.

To be sure, Rueckerl's retirement, for health reasons, does not mean that the unique agency in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, will close. His long-time deputy, Alfred Strejcek, will replace him and continue the grim work which last year entailed opening probes in 61 new cases of Third Reich genocide.

Rueckerl's departure marks a turning point, if only because of his leading role since 1966 in pursuing the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed by Germans during the Hitler era. An international recognized expert, and the author of several books on the subject, he ranked as West Germany's chief Nazi hunter.

Moreover, with most of the major cases either settled or relegated to local prosecution teams and courts for trial, and fewer new suspects cropping up, the centre will shift its emphasis to documentation of the Holocaust and making its voluminous archives available to historians and researchers from around the world.

The agency had its origins in the initial confusion over war crimes jurisdiction.

Right after the war, punishment for the crimes of Nazism was imposed on the Germans from outside, by the victorious powers. War crimes tribunals such as the one in Nuremberg, and courts in France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Poland, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, prosecuted thousands of Germans. Though precise figures are not available, West German authorities estimate that between 50,000 and 60,000 were tried and convicted. In the three Western occupational zones, 806 death sentences were passed and 486 persons were executed.

It was the avowed policy of the occupation powers that they alone would punish the Germans. German jurisdiction was virtually nonexistent. Insofar as it was permitted, it extended only to Germans who had committed crimes against other Germans.

BUT THE ADVENT of the Cold War and the changing relationship between the allies and their portion of occupied Germany led to the creation of an independent West Germany and a new policy regarding prosecution, with jurisdiction passing to West German authorities.

The first trial of a German in a German court for crimes committed against non-Germans outside Germany took place in Munich in May 1949. The defendant, Max Ruetig, was convicted of the murder of 42 Jews in a Polish ghetto.

Full jurisdiction was transferred to

Retirement of a Nazi-hunter

By JOHN DORNBERG/Special to the Jerusalem Post

The West Germans in May 1952, with the signing of the Bonn Conventions which formally ended the postwar occupation. Thus began the agonizing attempt of the Germans to judge themselves. From the outset it was viewed with scepticism and hampered by all manner of legal, political, moral and technical obstacles that continue to the present day.

Although the new West German constitution, and legislation passed after 1949, provided for prosecution of genocide and "crimes against humanity," they could not be applied retroactively to crimes committed before they had been enacted. The only legal basis on which to prosecute Nazi criminals was the traditional penal code section on homicide.

This required following the normal rules of presenting irrefutable evidence of specific acts, examining and cross-examining witnesses and, on occasions, even visiting the scene of the crime — no easy procedure in cases of defendants charged with the murder of thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of people.

There were problems of double jeopardy in cases of suspects and defendants previously tried, sometimes in absentia, by Allied occupation tribunals and the courts of countries under Nazi rule during the war. The Bonn Conventions and bilateral treaties specifically precluded trying war criminals previously convicted, even those pardoned and released by the U.S., British and French authorities, except on entirely new charges.

WEST GERMAN prosecutors and judges, suddenly confronted with jurisdiction, did not know the immensity of the task they faced. Most of them believed that Allied prosecution had left few, if any, cases unresolved.

Those who doubted this had no evidence with which to support their theses. All the Gestapo, SS, police and Wehrmacht records had ended up in foreign archives and were not available to the West Germans.

Then, too, there was a pronounced reluctance on the part of many to get the legal machinery moving. The wheels of German justice have always moved slowly, but they were bound to turn even more slowly when many of the officials were themselves implicated in the crimes. Hundreds of German judges and prosecutors had perverted justice during the Third Reich.

They brought the Nazi concept of a "new order" to the countries and territories under Hitler's yoke. They

served on special tribunals that meted out death sentences en masse for the slightest acts of "resistance." They sat on courts martial that ordered the execution of more than 30,000 German soldiers for offences that in other armies would have warranted only a brief term in the stockade. At home they presided over "people's tribunals" that were but kangaroo courts and naked travesties of due process.

And when the war was over, being civil servants entitled to lifetime tenure, the vast majority of these Nazi lawyers were promptly co-opted to the new, democratic, postwar judiciary.

SUDDENLY they were supposed to prosecute and pass judgment on Nazi criminals? They did nothing of the kind.

They used all the tools and loopholes of the law to delay proceedings and to obstruct justice. And failing at that, they passed sentences on mass murderers that were tantamount to mocking the victims. It was not until the late 1970s that the last of these men retired or were eased out of the legal system.

Thus, German prosecution of Germans got off to a slow, hesitant and desultory start. Investigations were opened and cases came to trial largely through chance.

A former concentration camp inmate would spot one of his guards in the street; some drunken SS veteran would boast of his "exploits" and be overheard in a tavern; a death camp doctor's name would crop up accidentally during another SS officer's trial.

It was like a chain reaction, which escalated in 1953 when the Soviet Union released thousands of German prisoners of war it had. Among them were many men who had been death camp guards or members of the *Einsatzkommandos* — the special execution squads — that had murdered people by the tens of thousands in Poland, the Baltic republics and the Ukraine.

By the summer of 1958 West Germany faced a growing mountain of evidence, pointing to the likelihood of thousands of war criminals as yet unidentified and not indicted, and the prospect that they might all escape punishment. The demands for coordinating, organizing and accelerating the judiciary process could no longer be ignored.

THE RESULT was the Ludwigsburg centre, established in December 1958 as an agency jointly financed and operated by the ministries of justice of the 10 West German states. Its task was to coordinate all local efforts and to hunt

for, investigate and indict Nazi murderers, then refer the cases back to local courts for trial.

The first special prosecutor to head the agency was Erwin Schuele, a Stuttgart district attorney who had led the prosecution team in the trial of 10 members of an execution squad that had murdered 5,500 Jews in Tilsit, now called Sovetsk, a town on the border between Lithuania and East Prussia.

The centre started as a tiny operation: Schuele, two assistant prosecutors and two secretaries. Adalbert Rueckerl, then a deputy prosecutor in the north German city of Bielefeld, asked to be assigned there in 1958 because "the work and the subject interest me." But it was not until 1961 that he got a job. By then the agency's staff had quadrupled in size.

In 1966, when Schuele resigned after having himself been implicated as an administrator of Nazi justice during the war, Rueckerl took over.

Under his direction Ludwigsburg became synonymous with West Germany's long overdue effort to "come to terms with the past." Some 88,000 suspects have been investigated and 6,500 indicted. The agency played a key role in identifying and issuing warrants for Nazi criminals who had escaped justice after the war by emigrating or being sluiced to the U.S., Canada and Latin America.

AT THE HEIGHT of its activities in the 1970s there was staff of 127, including 48 professional prosecutors recruited from judicial departments around the country. Today the team, including researchers and historians, numbers 35.

This year's budget is more than \$14 million. The archives include the records of more than 1.3 million men and women implicated or suspected in one way or another having operated the Nazi death machine. Millions of documents detail those crimes.

"When I first came here," says Rueckerl, "I thought it would be an assignment for a few years. I had no idea it would become a lifetime job of confronting horror every day."

Initial public reaction to the centre was one of dissociation, if not outright enmity. West Germans wanted no longer to be reminded of the past, to end what Konrad Adenauer had called the "witch-hunt for Nazis," to stop what the majority regarded as "defiling our own nest."

"It took years to overcome that," Rueckerl says. "The change in attitude was gradual and generational. The real turning point did not come until January 1979 when the U.S. TV series *Holocaust* was first shown in Germany. But now, if anything, we are accused of not having done enough."

That accusation can legitimately be levelled at many a local judge and jury whose verdicts and sentences, not to mention periodic acquittals, are still travesties of justice. But it cannot be made against Adalbert Rueckerl and the Ludwigsburg centre whose work, 39 years after the end of the Third Reich, is still not done.

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MOSHE SHAUL, director of the

Judeo-Spanish was, more than anything else, a spoken language and most of the written material is commentary on the Scriptures and deals with other religious matters. Secular material is not prevalent.

But few of the contemporary publications are of the quality of *Aki Yerushalaim*. Partly because this magazine, which will be five years old next week, is devoted to preserv-

Ladino, noble language
In which we lamented Zion,
And mourned the loss of Spain,
Land of our consolation.
(My translation)

He also called the abrogation of the Lebanese-Israel accord a "smashing victory for the Arab

"This year we are also losing money and no one is willing to even talk about compensation," one citrus farmer said. "Agriculture minister Pessah Grupper knows what a disaster the citrus branch is in. But all he receives from the

The newspaper said the move was in retaliation for Jemayel's scrapping of the May 17 accord. When Israel pulled back its troops from central Lebanon last September, it set off what the newspapers called a civil war in the Shouf. The newspaper said a further pullback would set off new fighting between Christians and Shi'ite Moslems in the South.

Meanwhile, several hundred residents yesterday demonstrated and burned tires in the village of Zatar al-Gharbiya south of Nabatiya, in protest against the arrest by the IDF of two villagers on suspicion of terrorist activity. IDF units came to the village, but did not interfere with the protest.

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THIS CALLED for a rearrangement of the usual sleeping arrangements. Grandson B, aged four and a

By now it had got so cold in bed that next time Grandson A woke up I went to help my wife comfort him. Stumbling into the dimly-lit room I was hit by a heatwave and some-

As to her cold/runner, she had merely been making vapours to ameliorate Grandson A's dry cough. My daughter chipped in with her reasonable explanation, wondering what all the fuss was about. Grandson A. it seemed to her, had had a quiet night and not woken her even once. Well as the Yiddish wisdom has it, "*naches* is what you only get from grandchildren."

JEWISH SCENE/Geoffrey Wigoder

religious, whose Secret Constitution" (i.e. the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*) encourages them to become obstetricians "so as to specialize in abortions and so reduce the number of non-Jews," whose Talmud advises them "to kill any non-Jews," and whose children in kibbutzim "are raised to hate anybody who is not Jewish."

- Specific Arab-made derogatory stereotypes which have been fashioned as a consequence of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

AFTER Sadat's peace mission, there was little improvement in the Egyptian press. On the contrary in some respects the Arab/Jewish/Zionist malice gathered momentum—*only now, outside Egypt*. Sadat was cast in the same mould as the Jews and Zionists.

The list of accusations against Zionist Israel is long and familiar in the pre-peace press. Sometimes Jews are looked upon somewhat more favourably than Zionists, who, by dominating the Jews, have made them the enemies of mankind.

However, there was a certain change in the Egyptian press. A distinction was made between Israeli Zionists and non-Zionists, with the slogan "We accept Jews among us,

At the same time, it was clearly indicated that peace with the Jews was purely pragmatic. The peace process was seen to shed new light on the international power of Jews, especially their economic power. The Jews control limitless resources and international organizations, such as Rotary, which helps them take over positions of power around the globe.

Israelis conclude, therefore, that no basic change has occurred in the substance of the conception of Jews, Israelis and Zionism in the post-Sadat peace initiative period.

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Then comes a series of essays on questions that arise from the text. These may be historical, moral or literary. Finally there are what he describes as "gleanings" – passages

from world literature, Jewish sources and even Christian or Moslem theology which are relevant to the passage under discussion.

"I'm not trying to teach Christianity or the Koran," he said "but I want to show the influence of the text on world literature."

The response to what he calls the "crowning of my life's labours" is, to say the least, gratifying. Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) has stated publicly that it is the best commentary available for American Jews.

Already in its third edition, the work is not only widely used in synagogues, but has also been acquired by a very large number of individuals for their own study. Rabbi Plaut hopes it can be translated and adopted for the Hebrew-speaking public.

THE MOST striking thing about the "Reform Commentary" on the Tora is that it isn't Reform at all.

True, the volume was published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, but says Rabbi Gunther Plaut, author of the commentary on four of the five books of the Torah, it is definitely interdenominational. In fact, it would seem that as many American Orthodox rabbis as Reform use it as an aid in preparing their sermons.

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These publications in treaty Egypt are cited in *Attitudes in the Arab World* 1981 by Raphael Isaacson London by the Institute of Affairs. He points out the general use the words "Jews" and "Israelis" intend implying what they consider evil of the one to the other.

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Good response to profit-taking

TEL AVIV. — The anticipated move towards profit-taking did develop yesterday but once again the market showed its ability to take it in its stride. The General Share Index declined by 0.32 per cent with a marked tendency towards a mixed price pattern. Commercial banks not part of the "agreement" were hard hit, with prices falling by up to 10 per cent. Bank shares which are part of the "agreement" were slightly lower.

In spite of the mixed trend, the volatile performers were dominated by large gainers. There were 46 issues which were fixed as "buyers only" while only 15 were "sellers only." In addition, 156 securities advanced by more than five per cent, with a number recording gains of more than 20 per cent.

Trading turnover continued to be just under the \$12 billion level. In the non-"agreement" group of banks the following were out down by 10 per cent: First International and Maritime 0.5 shares. In the bankholding group both Danot shares were 10 per cent losers.

The mortgage bank group, perhaps heartened by Treasury announcements about making more cash available for mortgage loans, saw prices move up smartly. Merav advanced by 14.7 per cent, while Binyan garnered 10 per cent.

In the specialized financial institution sector the Federation of Contractors equities were 10 per cent higher and were closely followed by Clal Leasing 0.1, which moved 9.1 per cent higher.

In the insurance group the Aryeh securities did not trade. The company announced that it had purchased 26 per cent of the share capital of Etz Lavud. In its official announcement Aryeh did not state who the seller was, but the 26 per cent figure is the amount of the holdings in Etz Lavud which were in the hands of the Gil group. Since

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

The Gil group recently acquired control of Aryeh, it seems that the move was to strip Aryeh of its cash holdings. Confirmation of this could not be obtained from the companies involved.

Yardenia 0.5 continued its spectacular performance with a 21.6 per cent upward move. Ararat 0.5 and Zion Holdings 1 were both 10 per cent gainers.

The service and trade group wound up the day on the upside. Computer issues continued to move to higher price levels.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation sector continued to surge ahead. Baranowitz 1 was up 21.3 per cent, while the option picked up a gain of 32 per cent. Israelom chipped in with a 15 per cent rise.

Industrial also were higher, though price fluctuations of 10 per cent in either direction were visible. Outstanding upside performances were achieved by the following: Eitan 1 15 per cent; Delta Galil 1 and 5 both 15 per cent; Maquette 0.1 45.1 per cent; Sheldot 5 19.6 per cent; French Feuchtwanger 5 15.1 per cent, and the Scandia option 22 per cent.

In the high-tech group Arik put in another 10 per cent gain. Elbit Computers, a recent major winner, was clipped for a 5.3 per cent fall. Elron Electronics slipped fractionally, while Spectronix eased by small margins.

In the building and construction sector of the industrials Tromasbestos performed in yeoman fashion and the shares soared by 38.5 per cent.

U.S. Bank Rates

NEW YORK (AP). — Money rates for Wednesday, March 7, 1984, reported by Telerate Systems.

Prime rate: 11
Discount rate: 8
Dealers commercial paper:
30-180 days: 9.45-9.50
Certificates of Deposit \$100,000
30-59 days: 9.18
60-89 days: 9.26
Treasury bill rates:
3-month as of March 5: 9.24
6-month as of March 5: 9.37

There was some demand for the Gal Industries shares, but they continued unchanged.

The one area other than the bank group where profit-taking was felt, was among investment company issues. The Israel Corporation 0.5 shares wound up as "sellers only," while the 1 share was nearly six per cent lower. IDB Development was clipped for a 6.2 per cent loss. Hiron 1, in the aftermath of trading for two sessions as "buyers only," came through with a 10 per cent rise. The Hiron 5 shares were unchanged. Piryon, which has recently had one of the best performances in the group, was established as "sellers only."

The oil sector maintained its torrid upward pace. A number of issues wound up as "buyers only" for the second session. These included: the Magen option, Delek Oil Exploration 1 and Terol 5. The Magen 1 shares were "buyers only" for the third session. The Magen 5 shares, on the other hand, were traded and came through with a 15 per cent advance. Delek Oil Exploration 5 and Fedoil were the beneficiaries of 10 per cent gains.

Most active stocks

Leumi	2470	130,944.6m	n.e.
Hapolim r	3795	83,998.3	n.e.
IDB	5705	40,009.2	n.e.
Shares traded:		151,172.4m	n.e.
Convertible:		15.12m	n.e.
Bonds:		15,503.3m	n.e.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

March 8, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	142.08
British sterling	209.21
German mark	55.403
French franc	17.979
Dutch guilder	49.086
Swiss franc	66.946
Swedish krona	18.558
Norwegian krone	19.125
Danish krone	15.161
Finland mark	25.526
Canadian dollar	112.36
Australian dollar	118.83
South African rand	27.084
Belgian franc (10)	78.625
Austrian schilling (10)	88.981
Italian lire (1000)	63.514
Japanese yen (100)	169.64
Irish pound	95.935
Spanish peseta (100)	385.04
Jordanian dinar	26.070
Lebanese lira	123.61
Egyptian pound	123.61

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Sterling	210.1504
DM	55.6618
French FR	18.0871
Dutch G	49.3221
Swiss FR	67.2521
Sweden KR	18.6203
Norwegian KR	19.1891
Danish KR	15.1892
Finland MK	25.6112
Canadian \$	113.0177
Australian \$	136.1583
Rand	119.5378
Belgian Con (10)	27.1642
Belgian Fin (10)	26.4038
Austrian S (10)	78.8681
Yen (100)	63.8636
Italian Lire (1000)	59.5011

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INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

USS	1.4700/10
DM	2.6570/80
Swiss FR	2.1245/55
French FR	7.9100/50
Italian Lire	1996.50/50
Dutch G	2.2270/80
Yen	232.70/80
Danish KR	9.3980/05
Norwegian KR	7.6700/50
Swedish KR	7.4450/00
Belgian Fin	54.10/15
Belgian Con	52.60/62

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US\$	1.471/26	1.476/31	1.481/32
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IDB p	127850	—	+349	+3	Dalia	287	268	—	
IDB r	5705	701	n.e.		Hilton 1	529	601	+25	
IDB B r	5705	—	n.e.		Yahon 5	792	801	+92	
IDB p. A	34230	—	+800	+2.4	Yilane	1600	83	-50	
IDB op. 1	4265	139	+15	+1.8	Ya'ane op.	1200	104	+86	
Union 0.1	4250	116	+45	+1.1	Clal Comp.	655	92	-35	
Discount B r	7270	63	+110	+1.5	Clal Comp. op.	473	8	n.e.	
Discount A r	7300	112	+40	+5.4	M.L.L. 1	1286	33	—	
Discount op. 2	6050	22	-530	-8.1	M.L.L. 5	610	40	n.e.	
Discount B c n	580	66	-46	-10	M.L.L. op.	396	75	-7	
Mizrahi r	2350	798	-30	-1.3	Mashov	363	169	+17	
Mizrahi b	2380	22	+80	+3.5	Nikav 5	340	55	-25	
Mizrahi op. 11	4410	34	-90	-2	Nikav op.	249	194	+15	
Mizrahi op. 12	1725	85	+20	+1.2	Nikav op.	230	227	+21	
Mizrahi c n	19055	5	n.e.		Baranowitz 1	1500	31	n.e.	
Mizrahi c n 6	1055	108	n.e.		Team op.	1035	65	-30	
Hapolim p. A	5050	2	+30	+1					
Hapolim p. B	3795	2366	n.e.						
Hapolim b	3820	345	n.e.						
Hapolim c n 8	14600	—	n.e.						
General A	10000	10	-50	-5					
General op. 8	24431	1	+431	+1.8					
General op. 9	9540	1	+100	+1.1					
General op. 5	7690	—	—	—					
General op. 7	490	8	-5	-1					
Leumi 0.1	2470	5301	n.e.						
Leumi op. 1	3312	75	n.e.						
Leumi c n 11	934	143	n.e.						
Leumi op. 12	3415	21	n.e.						
Finance Trade 1	1880	25	+27	+1.5					
Finance Trade 5	3501	1	-198	-5.4					
Mortgage Banks					Real Estate, Building				
Adanim 0.1	1455	38	+45	+3.2	Oren	310	259	+15	
Gen. Mortgage	2024	381	n.e.		Azaron Prop.	480	2811	n.e.	
Gen. Mortgage	2034	11	+10	+5	Azaron op.	—	—	no trading	
Carmel r	1470	1053	+80	+5.8	Azaron op.	460	549	—	
Carmel op. 1	1100	b.o.1	+120	+12.2	Eilon	124	563	+11	
Carmel deb	205	838	+3	+1.5	Eilon op.	703	276	+59	
Binyan	1825	55	+166	+10	Ammonit	267	459	+11	
DevMortgage r	805	863	+30	+3.9	Ammonit op.	144	50	-10	
DevMortgage b	805	10	+15	+9	Africa Isr. 0.1	2738	152	n.e.	
DevMortgage op.	900	279	+100	+12.5	Africa Isr. 10	3377	b.o.2	+111	
Mishkan r	4021	b.o.1	+191	+5	Azamin	180	360	-20	
Independence	2550	20	+30	+2	Azamin op.	166	338	+23	
Tefahot p. r	1865	2	+50	+2.8	Ariedon 0.1	673	93	+3	
Tefahot op. 1	1700	99	-60	-3.4	Ariedon 0.5	286	112	-25	
Tefahot deb. 1	619	45	+1	+0.2	Ban Yakar 1	416	52	+38	
Tefahot deb. 2	265	604	n.e.		Ban Yakar 5	22	37	-1	
Jaysour 1	330	587	n.e.		Baranowitz 1	219	1969	+38	
Jaysour 5	320	155	n.e.		Baranowitz op.	178	1734	+16	
Jaysour op.	219	308	n.e.		Baranowitz op.	132	1256	+32	
Mezur r	493	198	+63	+14.7	Dankner	265	2841	+24	
Financial Institutions					Drucker 1	150	993	-16	
Shilon r	1549	4	—	no trading	Drucker op.	133	655	-17	
Shilon op. B	15000	1	+135	+9.6					
AgriCulture A	13050	1	+10	+10					
AgriCulture B	1490	207	+20	+4.4					
Leumi Ind r	1900	180	+108	+7.8					
DevMortgage r	10500	2	—	—					
DevMortgage b	35640	1	+3240	+10					
DevMortgage c	20000	1	—	—					
DevMortgage c	20038	1	—	—					
DevMortgage d	5833	1	—	—					
DevMortgage	234	749	+22	+10.4					
Contractions	13524	1	—	—					
Toucan	663	103	+55	+9.1					
Clal Lease 0.1	395	133	+20	+5.3					
Clal Lease 0.5	950	86	+20	+2.1					
Clal Lease deb	960	86	+20	+2.1					
Insurance									
Aryeh r	965	424	+30	+3.2					
Aryeh op. 1	765	75	n.e.						
Aryeh sub deb	—	—	—	no trading					
Ararat 0.1 r	1259	25	-130	-9.4					
Ararat 0.5 b	462	565	+42	+10.0					
Reinsur. 0.1 r	1000	12	n.e.						
Reinsur. 0.5 r	268	b.o.1	+13	+5.1					
Hadar 1	439	257	-1	-0.2					
Hadar 5	209	263	-1	-0.5					
Hanaher r	608	573	-64	-9.5					
Hanaher op. 4	697	219	-53	-7.1					
Phoenix 0.1 r	1417	7	+1	+0.1					
Phoenix 0.5 r	498	60	-74	-7.4					
Hamishmar 1	430	75	n.e.						
Hamishmar 5	586	50	n.e.						
Hamishmar op.	730	2	n.e.						
Yardenia 0.1 r	559	1	+26	+4.9					
Yardenia 0.5 r	228	417	+40	+21.6					
Yardenia op. 2	136	b.2	+9	+7.1					
Menorah 1	1615	36	-85	-5.0					
Menorah 5	412	69	n.e.						
Sahar r	1420	21	+20	+1.4					
Securities r	315	1705	+15	+4.3					
Zur r	910	383	+49	+5.7					
Zion Hold. 1	627	57	+10	+10.0					
Zion Hold. 5	236	152	+17	+7.9					
Trade & Services					Agriculture				
Meir Exm	440	560	+31	+7.6	Hadar 0.1	261	708	+1	
Meir Exm op.	240	30	n.e.		Hadar 0.5	145	437	+11	
Teta 5	362	189	+33	+10.0	Hadar op.	88	801	-6	
Teta 1	165	196	+14	+9.6	Mahadrin	5500	143	1054	n.e.
Teta op. 1	100	1144	+14	+16.3	Mahadrin prop.	913	86	83	
Clal Trade	664	629	-30	-4.3	Shenhar	161	242	-12	
Clal Trade op.	1039	193	-40	-3.7					
Crystal 1	285	233	+26	+9.1					
Crystal 5	1273	10	+116	+10.0					
Rapac 0.1	330	111	+14	+4.4					
Rapac 0.5	2055	103	-95	-4.4					
Supersol 2	1030	793	-60	-5.6					
Supersol B 10	581	62	-98	-14.4					
Supersol op. C	—	—	—	—					
Services					Food and Tobacco				
Delek r	2521	448	+165	+7.0	Hadar 0.1	370	309	-1	
Delek op. 1	825	43	+75	+10.0	Hadar 0.5	210	225	+7	
Harel 1	380	63	+34	+9.8	Atlantic	120	968	+23	
Harel 5	841	226	-94	-10.1	Atlantic op.	61	520	-35	
Lighterage 0.1	453	437	-20	-4.4	Atlantic op.	355	64	+40	
Lighterage 0.5	17661	3	+1606	+10.0	Gold Frost 5	112	534	+10	
Cold Store 0.1	9070	25	n.e.		Gold Frost op.	111	146	+1	
Cold Store 1	—	—	—	no trading	Dubek r	3100	32	+100	
Bond Wave 0.1	702	382	-38	-5.1	Dubek b	3000	15	n.e.	
Bond Wave 0.5	409	591	-46	-11.1	Sankolot 1	507	142	+80	
Bond Wave 0.5	300	697	-25	-7.7	Sankolot op.	352	169	-10	
Bond Wave op.	345	28	-50	-14.5	Sankolot op.	336	3173	+13	
Consort Hold 1	420	239	n.e.		Pri-Ze 1	4002	50	-51	
Consort 0.5	428	26	+33	+8.4	Pri-Ze op.	218	408	-35	
Consort op. A	319	254	+29	+10.0	Pri-Ze op.	217	147	-15	
Kopel 1	190	50	-13	-6.8	Tempo 5	402	144	+7	
Hotels, Tourism					Izhar 1	260	344	-10	
Galei Zohar 1	62	75	-9.0		Izhar 5	200	243	+10	
Dun Hotels 5	281	151	+14		Man r	2400	1	n.e.	
Dun Hotels 1	473	134	+11		Man op.	715	30	+20	
Carot Beach	344	305	-10		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yarden Hotel	240	206	-1		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yarden Hotel op. 1	125	338	-1		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yahalom	366	806	+48		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yahalom op.	253	1125	+26		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Computers					Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Dalia	287	268	—		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Hilton 1	529	601	+25		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yahon 5	792	801	+92		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Yilane	1600	83	-50		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Ya'ane op.	1200	104	+86		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Clal Comp.	655	92	-35		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Clal Comp. op.	473	8	n.e.		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
M.L.L. 1	1286	33	—		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
M.L.L. 5	610	40	n.e.		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
M.L.L. op.	396	75	-7		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Mashov	363	169	+17		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Nikav 5	340	55	-25		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Nikav op.	249	194	+15		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Nikav op.	230	227	+21		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Team 1	1500	31	n.e.		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Team op.	1035	65	-30		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Real Estate, Building					Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Oren	310	259	+15		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Azaron Prop.	480	2811	n.e.		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
Azaron op.	—	—	no trading		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
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Ammonit op.	144	50	-10		Man op.	—	—	no trading	
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Shamir's wet peace pipe

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Shamir's sharp attack against Egypt in the Knesset on Wednesday reflects the deep sense of disappointment that has settled upon the government regarding relations with that country.

Unfortunately that feeling does not include the ability to understand that a similar sense of dismay about Israel has settled upon Cairo. Both sides feel let down and aggrieved by the other, just as they are about to mark the fifth anniversary of the peace treaty.

Mr. Shamir finds it easier, and more convenient, to bathe in his resentment. Once Egypt had received all of Sinai back in April 1982, all the solemn talk of normalization was forgotten. Egypt wanted Sinai, not peace. In return for giving up land, Israel got a piece of paper. That in brutal terms sums up Mr. Shamir's message.

The Egyptians, for their part, voice a parallel argument. Israel, they contend, agreed that Camp David was not meant to produce only a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace. The issue of the West Bank and Gaza was an integral part of the pact. It was to be immediately addressed, and autonomy was to be merely a transient arrangement before a final settlement. But instead Israel embarked upon a vigorous settlement programme of annexation de facto, and redefined autonomy in such a self-serving way as to make even negotiations for it impossible. In sum, it sought to saddle Egypt with a separate peace, humiliating it in the Arab world and neutralizing it politically and militarily. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon was proof of this trick upon Egypt, if proof were needed.

Now just as the Egyptians find it difficult to understand Israel's grievances, so the Shamir government is impervious to the grievances in Cairo.

This gap is not a promising reality on which to build the peace — though it must be acknowledged that the military aspects of the peace agreement have been meticulously observed.

But more is at work than simply a gap of understanding. Both parties also have an interest in nourishing their grudges. The Egyptians find it a useful way to restore their position in the Arab world; the Likud government deploys the argument of Egyptian perfidy against those who press it to get on with a peace process, embracing Jordan and the West Bank.

For Egypt, such use of the cold peace may be sharp tactics in the shifting sands of inter-Arab politics. But Mr. Shamir's attempt to hold up the peace as a warning against future agreements is simply an invidious method of justifying the Likud's policy regarding Judea, Samaria and Gaza. That policy contains within it enough explosive potential for Israel's future. It does not need to be supplemented by further alienation of Egypt.

Instead of dwelling self-righteously upon what has not been achieved in relations with Egypt, the government would do better to expend its energies encouraging those relations. That they will not bloom in the ways trumpeted five years ago, will, however, unfortunately remain the case as long as Israel's government has no better alternative to offer on the West Bank than the status quo.

SUSPECTS ADMIT

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Muslim cemetery led the detectives, headed by Moshe Bahi, to the suspects, it was learned.

A name tag that had been firmly attached to the gravestone placed on Anghelovici's grave was found with her body at the Ramle cemetery on Saturday. The gravestone itself, made of basalt rock, was removed from the grave several weeks ago by the burial society, as part of its campaign to have the body removed legally.

The gravestone was found this week in Rishon LeZion's old cemetery (Anghelovici was buried in the new one), arousing the detectives' suspicion that whoever had exhumed the body was both ultra-Orthodox and had access to both graveyards. The two pairs of rubber gloves found buried in the empty grave indicated that at least two persons were involved in digging the body out.

Coastal Plain Police commander Nitzav-Mishne Aharon Savir said that the investigation is continuing, and that police hope to complete the material for a charge sheet against the suspects by next week.

The chief rabbinic statement yesterday said it was being issued to "correct erroneous reports" about the incident during the past few weeks. Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliash "strongly condemned" those who defiled the body of the deceased, "as is written: 'Man is created in the image of God.'"

But the rabbis noted that during her lifetime, Anghelovici "did not want to convert to Judaism, unlike the rest of her family, preferring to remain faithful to her Christian faith." According to press reports, Anghelovici was converted, but not

in the manner acceptable to the Orthodox.

The rabbis also stated that Jews and non-Jews must not be buried together, and noted that Jews suffered over the centuries to observe this religious requirement. The chief rabbi asserted that a non-Jew buried mistakenly in a Jewish cemetery must be treated with the same respect as the remains of a Jew buried in a non-Jewish cemetery — both must be reburied in the appropriate place.

According to the statement, the Anghelovici family "knowingly deceived" the burial society, who learned of the true religion of the deceased only after the original burial. The rabbis also maintained that the family had earlier agreed to reburial in a non-Jewish section, but subsequently "broke the agreement" with the Rishon LeZion rabbinate as a result of "political pressures."

The rabbis reiterated that "no prize is deserved by those sick individuals" who violated Jewish law by secretly removing her remains from the grave. But the chief rabbinic, they concluded, cannot be obliged to make rulings on the basis of considerations other than those of the Halacha.

The chief rabbis earlier this week declined to make a ruling on the case, saying that it was up to the Rishon LeZion rabbinate.

Commenting on the issue in Acre yesterday, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said that police must make supreme efforts to put the suspects on trial and to see that heavy sentences are imposed on them, if convicted. He called the perpetrators "people without religion" who belong to a very small radical fringe of society.

The Peres plan

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IT'S A PITY that the only comprehensive and logical plan heard recently for ending two miserable years in Lebanon came from opposition leader Shimon Peres. For, coming from Peres, the idea is automatically anathema to the government, no matter how reasonable it may be.

There is hardly an official who has not had something to say on Lebanon in the past week. Ariel Sharon has counseled that the IDF remain in Sidon. Chief-of-Staff Moshe Levy told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the IDF cannot be pulled out of Lebanon in the foreseeable future, for military reasons, and that there are no miracles on the horizon. Defence Minister Moshe Arens keeps repeating that we want to get out of Lebanon, but can only do so "after suitable arrangements are made for the protection of Galilee."

The statements are assumed by those making them to be self-explanatory, almost truisms. Despite differences in nuance, the message is always the same: Israel will have to stay somewhere in Lebanon, at least until such time as political conditions there allow Israel's physical presence to be replaced by a physical security arrangement that will guarantee the safety of Galilee.

Peres, on television earlier this week, presented an alternative way of looking at things; instead of waiting for the impossible to happen, make it happen. Instead of waiting for a political reality that will allow an IDF withdrawal to emerge from the quicksands of Lebanon's political jungle, ignore the need for a political solution and defend Israel from the international border by pursuing an active and aggressive defence policy.

AS PERES sees it, if we patrolled the skies of Southern Lebanon; if we patrolled Lebanon's coast; if we maintained a small but efficient intelligence infrastructure in Southern Lebanon that would give early warning of a PLO return; if we continued to have an "executive" relationship with the army of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad; and if the terrorists understood that they would be hit every time they tried to set up a base in territory Israel considers off limits — then Israel's security in the north could be ensured. There would be only a few hundred Israeli security

personnel in Lebanon at any given time, and the IDF could be brought back home.

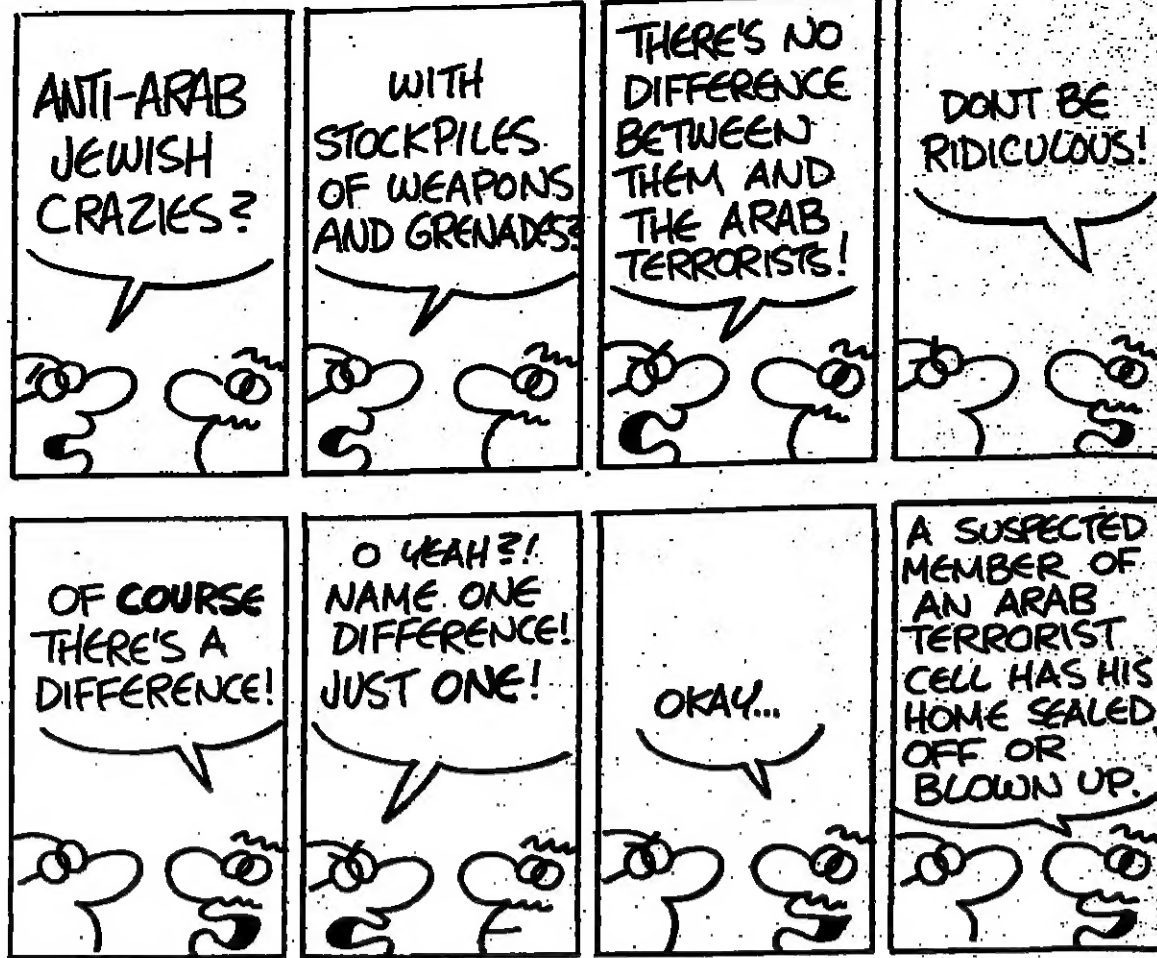
There are few flaws in the logic. All the ideas put forward by Peres can be carried out. Israel could patrol Lebanon's skies and shores with impunity, unless the Syrians decided to become involved and risk total war with Israel claiming to uphold a principle regarding Lebanon's sovereignty. Haddad's army could be used effectively to man roadblocks, keep an ear to the ground in the towns and villages of the south to pick up any surreptitious return of terrorists. Specialist Israeli security personnel and sophisticated electronic equipment could bolster that ear's capability. If these measures were not a sufficient deterrent, Israel could resort to the selective use of force to pre-empt any significant terrorist build-up.

WHY WAIT? And what is there to wait for? Amin Jemayel is as dead politically, from Israel's point of view, as his brother Bashir. There is never going to be a strong central government in Beirut capable of sending viable forces down to the south to do Israel's work for it. Our allies the Phalange have only proved a disappointment in the past, failing to take part in any action — apart from Sabra and Shatilla. There is not going to be a general accommodation with the Shi'ites in the south, certainly not while Amal in Beirut and the fundamentalists in the north continue to call the tune.

With all due respect to the negotiating talents of Uri Lubrani and Reuven Merhav, representing Israel in trying to reach an agreement with the checkerboard political and ethnic factions of the south, they have been given an impossible task. Even if Israel were to withdraw, as is being proposed, to a line 20 km. closer to the international border, and give up Sidon, we still remain unwelcome visitors with quasi-resident status among half a million Lebanese, who are becoming increasingly frustrated by military roadblocks and patrols imposed on them. The future can only spell a

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The Friday Dry Bones



spiral of mounting casualties and Israeli reaction and action, which will make the IDF less popular than it is already, and thus more vulnerable.

Israel no longer has any commitment to the Multi-National Force, and none to the United States. It has no commitment to Amin Jemayel or to the Phalange, its ostensible ally, which watched the recent Syrian-Shi'ite attack on Lebanon's Christian president with unshakable equanimity.

On the Syrian front President Hafez Assad has hardly had time to enjoy his undeniable victory in getting the May 17 agreement scrapped before being faced with serious internal problems, and new developments in the Iraq-Iran war.

Israel does not need Assad's sanction either to pull out of Lebanon or to protect Galilee. All it has to do is make it clear to the Syrians that it considers them as the main force behind the terrorists' ability to function, and that Syria is accordingly responsible for the PLO's actions.

If Israel's message carries enough credibility the Syrians will listen, especially since, after a withdrawal from the Lebanese imbroglio Israel will have little to lose but much to gain from a quick, pre-emptive confrontation with the Syrians.

FOR THE Lebanon problem to be solved, it has to be simplified. Israel has to define clearly what its minimal security requirements are, and give up any grandiose ideas of long-term political understandings in that country. The problem of terror over the Lebanese border is a tactical one, but for the past 18 months it has been at the centre of Israel's international and security policies. There is no need to keep divisions tied down, and our best military minds incessantly occupied with the military threat to Israel from a fragmented PLO.

Chief-of-Staff Levy is right in saying that there are no miracles on the horizon. But he is wrong in assuming that the logical conclusion

to his statement is that the army has to remain a policeman in a hostile land until the impossible happens. The chief-of-staff should be the last person in this country counselling that the IDF remain in an environment where only more enemies can be made; where no alliances are permanent; and where only more casualties can be expected.

What would be a miracle would be if the government were able to put aside its understandable prejudice against advice from the opposition, and at least weigh up the merits of Peres' proposals. They make a lot of sense. And it's about time something about Lebanon made sense.

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a) Mamlachti-Dati (state-religious); b) Mukar ("recognised" private). Type (a) is available in every neighborhood, and is usually mixed (i.e. boys and girls in the same class), with certain exceptions. Type (b) includes the Chinuch Atzmai and Beit Yaakov (Aguda oriented) schools, Chabad-Lubavitch, Horev (Rav S. R. Hirsch approach), Noam (Merkaz Harav Kook), and similar schools. The Mukar schools all provide separate facilities for boys and girls. They generally offer more intensive religious instruction (e.g. more hours of Limudei Kodesh).
- The registration officer is required to ask you which of three kinds of education (state, state-religious or Mukar) you prefer. If you want your child to receive a Torah education, it is your prerogative to choose either the second or the third category.
- To avoid bureaucratic bangles, read the posters now on city billboards (or have a friend translate them for you) for details of where and when to register, the required documents, etc. You are entitled to request a tentative answer as to where the child will be placed. The posters also contain information regarding financial reductions for pre-kindergarten enrollment.
- In the spirit of ve'ahavta lere'acha kamocho ("you shall love your friend as yourself"), please share this information with your neighbors and friends, especially those who do not read English.

Most of this information applies to parents elsewhere in the country as well. In Jerusalem, further information can be obtained from: 1) The Merkaz LeChinuch Dati (Mizrachi), 54 King George St., Tel. 248113, 227428; 2) Chinuch Atzmai and Beit Yaakov, 17 Adoniyahu Hacohen St., Tel. 285211; 3) Beit Chana (concerning Chabad schools), 19 Ezra St., Tel. 288955; and from the other private schools.

The "Yad L'achim" organization will provide a "hot line" service for more information and consultation, today (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and through Wednesday (1-4 p.m.) at 4 Yona St., Tel. 288003, 272056.

* Please Note: 1) The Dugma school, 20 Lod St., is an "al-aizori" (interdistrict) all-boys Mamlachti Dati school; 2) Kiryat Haeled (offices on 2 Press St., Tel. 227251) runs a network of Torah kindergartens and nursery schools in different parts of the city; 3) A Mamlachti-Dati-Torani (more intensive religious program) school is opening in Gilo next year, and is one of the official choices for residents of Gilo (for more information, call 765039).

Dear parents, now is the time to give your children the best possible Jewish education. Your children are surely one of the main reasons for your living in Israel. The Torah study of small children is not postponed even for the sake of building the Holy Temple... We wish you success in providing your children with the best possible education!

Friends of Torah Education in Jerusalem

P.S. Contributions to help defray the cost of this notice are needed and welcome, and should be sent to P.O.B. 5395, Jerusalem. If you have additional information to offer, for future publicity, please call the "hot-line" numbers listed above.

It is, hopefully, understood that all the above information is in regard to Jewish children, i.e. children of mothers who are either born Jewish or are converts to Judaism according to Halacha.

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